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- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Good morning, everyone.
- 4 ALL COUNSEL: Good morning, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Ms. Bokat, any news on
- 6 scheduling?
- 7 MS. BOKAT: Yes, Your Honor. Complaint counsel
- 8 will not be calling Daniel Bell.
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay.
- MS. BOKAT: We conferred again with our two
- 11 experts, Dr. Levy and Professor Bazerman, to see if
- 12 they could come earlier in the week next week, but it
- is not possible.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: So, we've got Levy Monday?
- MS. BOKAT: Professor Bresnahan on Monday.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Bresnahan.
- 17 MS. BOKAT: Dr. Levy on Thursday and Professor
- 18 Bazerman on Friday.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: As for the briefing schedule,
- 20 were the parties going to submit anything in writing or
- just what you told me yesterday? I don't need anything
- in writing, but I didn't know if you had prepared
- 23 something.
- MS. BOKAT: We had not -- well, we hadn't.
- 25 MS. SHORES: We had not either, Your Honor.

1 MR. NIELDS: Your Honor, we had not prepared

- 2 anything.
- MR. CURRAN: No, we had had discussions among
- 4 the three parties.
- 5 JUDGE CHAPPELL: And I intend, as I said
- 6 yesterday, I am going to key it from the last day of
- 7 trial rather than from the last day of the decision
- 8 being done. I'll work out something and let everybody
- 9 know next week.
- 10 Anything else?
- MS. SHORES: Yes, Your Honor, I had one issue
- 12 to raise.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay.
- MS. SHORES: This concerns the Court's ruling
- 15 yesterday with respect to Dr. Levy, and please don't
- 16 misunderstand me, I'm not asking for reconsideration.
- 17 A question did occur to me after we adjourned. I was
- 18 too slow to think of it while we were still here.
- The question is this: For purposes of
- 20 preparing for Dr. Levy, may I assume that Dr. Levy will
- 21 be testifying about the issues that complaint counsel
- raise in their brief that it was necessary to bring him
- 23 back for, their brief in the opposition to the motion?
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: I would assume they didn't
- 25 mislead us, Ms. Shores.

- 1 MS. SHORES: Thank you, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay. However, I did -- I did
- 3 say yesterday I will allow him, so you're prepared, to
- 4 testify in rebuttal to things that he offered in his
- 5 expert report.
- 6 MS. SHORES: So, these are new things that have
- 7 never been disclosed to us that --
- 8 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Not that I know of, no. I'm
- 9 just saying I don't want you to be unprepared. I don't
- 10 know what's going to happen once we get started.
- 11 MS. SHORES: Okay. I mean, they identified
- three issues that they needed to bring him back for to
- 13 testify in rebuttal. Obviously those were three issues
- of the myriad issues in his report. I just wanted to
- 15 clarify -- I want to ask the question, I want to
- 16 clarify that we are not going to cover his entire
- 17 report again.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, that's a good point, and
- 19 I'm holding them to what they submitted and told the
- 20 Court that they wanted to bring him back for, but
- 21 within the bounds -- I didn't want to make it too
- 22 broad. What I'm doing is narrowing, not making it
- 23 broader. It's within the bounds of the expert report
- those items that were brought to our attention.
- 25 Is that clear?

- 1 MS. SHORES: Thank you, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Anything further?
- 3 Call your next witness.
- 4 MS. BOKAT: Complaint counsel call James Egan.
- 5 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Raise your right hand, please.
- 6 Whereupon--
- JAMES J. EGAN
- 8 a witness, called for examination, having been first
- 9 duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
- 10 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Thank you, have a seat.
- 11 State your full name for the record, please.
- 12 THE WITNESS: James Jackson Egan.
- 13 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 14 BY MS. BOKAT:
- 15 Q. Good morning, Mr. Egan.
- 16 A. Good morning.
- 17 Q. What is your educational background since high
- 18 school?
- 19 A. I attended Georgetown University from 1968 to
- 20 1972, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in foreign
- 21 service. I attended the University of Santa Clara Law
- 22 School from 1972 to 1975 and obtained a doctorate of
- law degree.
- Q. Are you currently employed?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. By whom?
- 2 A. I work as a senior vice president for licensing
- 3 and corporate development at Novirio Pharmaceuticals in
- 4 Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- 5 Q. What is the business of Novirio?
- A. Novirio is a company that is developing drugs
- 7 for hepatitis, HIV, AIDS, a number of other viral
- 8 diseases, and cancer potentially.
- 9 Q. How long have you been with Novirio?
- 10 A. I've been at Novirio since September of this
- 11 year.
- 12 Q. Would that be September 2001?
- 13 A. Oh, September 2001, excuse me.
- Q. What are your responsibilities with Novirio?
- 15 A. I'm in charge of all mergers and acquisitions,
- 16 strategic planning, licensing, product acquisitions,
- 17 product dispositions, and constructing the strategic
- 18 and commercial operating plan.
- 19 Q. Where were you employed prior to Novirio?
- 20 A. I was employed at NeuronZ in Auckland, New
- 21 Zealand.
- Q. When were you employed at NeuronZ?
- 23 A. I was employed at NeuronZ from September 1st of
- 24 2000 through June 2001, and actually, let me correct my
- 25 earlier statement. I was working at Novirio from July

of 2001 but not physically present in Boston at that

- 2 point. I was physically present in Boston from
- 3 September.
- 4 Q. What was your position at NeuronZ?
- 5 A. I was a chief executive officer.
- 6 Q. Where did you work prior to NeuronZ?
- 7 A. I worked at Pharmacia and prior to that, in its
- 8 different merger configurations, Monsanto/Searle, and I
- 9 worked there from approximately 1993 to the time I
- joined NeuronZ in September of 2000.
- 11 Q. What positions did you hold with Searle?
- 12 A. I was a director of licensing initially,
- licensing and business development, although the titles
- 14 changed from time to time, and then I was later senior
- 15 director for the same activities.
- 16 Q. What were your responsibilities at Searle?
- 17 A. At Searle I was responsible for both in and
- 18 out-licensing for -- from time to time it was
- 19 anti-infectives, other times it was cardiovascular,
- 20 other times it was inflammatories, immunomodulators,
- 21 different therapeutic classes, and also from time to
- time platform technology evaluations and enabling
- 23 technologies, like formulation and things of that
- 24 nature.
- 25 Q. Were you responsible for both in-licensing and

- 1 out-licensing?
- 2 A. I was.
- Q. What geographic areas did those licenses cover?
- 4 A. Our group was for the global licensing
- 5 activities. We very rarely considered local regional
- 6 deals, and we worked in consort with people that were
- 7 looking for regional deals, but by and large we were
- 8 looking for global deals in the licensing and business
- 9 development group.
- 10 Q. When you were with Searle, how many licensing
- 11 possibilities did your group consider?
- 12 A. Oh, there were literally hundreds of them a
- 13 year. Each one of us, and I think there were seven of
- 14 us, would review 30, 40, 50 a month, something like
- 15 that.
- 16 Q. Did you ever have any dealings while you were
- with Searle in-licensing with Schering-Plough?
- 18 A. Yes, I did.
- 19 Q. How many dealings did you have with
- 20 Schering-Plough?
- 21 A. I think we contacted Schering-Plough with
- respect to our IIb/IIIA inhibitors. I think we also
- 23 contacted them with respect to our protease inhibitors
- for HIV. I think we contacted them -- or they
- 25 contacted us with respect to our anti-inflammatory

- 1 franchise, Celebrex and products of that nature.
- MS. SHORES: Your Honor, pardon me. Objection,
- 3 this is outside the scope of the description of his
- 4 testimony in the witness list, Searle's dealings with
- 5 Schering-Plough.
- 6 MS. BOKAT: I'm just laying the background of
- 7 this witness and what his experience has been in
- 8 licensing, because his testimony is going to be about
- 9 the licensing possibility of Upsher-Smith's Niacor and
- 10 Kos' Niaspan.
- 11 JUDGE CHAPPELL: This is just background,
- 12 though.
- MS. BOKAT: Yes, Your Honor.
- 14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right, I'll allow it.
- 15 Overruled.
- 16 BY MS. BOKAT:
- 17 Q. Of those dealings with Schering, were those
- out-licenses from Searle or in-licenses from Schering?
- 19 A. For those --
- 20 MS. SHORES: Same objection, Your Honor.
- 21 THE WITNESS: For those activities, it was --
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Excuse me, we have an
- 23 objection.
- THE WITNESS: Oh, I'm sorry.
- MS. SHORES: It's fine for her, I suppose, to

- 1 lay a foundation that he had some dealings with
- 2 Schering-Plough, but I don't see what details we need
- 3 about those. I don't see why they're relevant to
- 4 anything in the case.
- 5 MR. CURRAN: Your Honor, I make the same
- 6 objection. There's no need for this witness to address
- 7 a foundation -- lay any foundation with regard to his
- 8 dealings with Schering-Plough when the designated
- 9 testimony relates to his dealings with Upsher-Smith and
- 10 Kos.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, I agree. We can -- you
- 12 can let him tell us some of his general background and
- 13 knowledge, but he is a fact witness, so we don't need
- 14 to get into the details about dealings with
- Schering-Plough. So, to that extent, your objections
- 16 are sustained.
- MS. SHORES: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 18 BY MS. BOKAT:
- 19 Q. Prior to Searle, did you work for any other
- 20 pharmaceutical companies?
- 21 A. I worked for Abbott Labs prior to working for
- 22 Searle.
- 23 Q. When did you work for Abbott Labs?
- A. I worked for Abbott Labs from 1983 to 1994 --
- 25 '84 to '93, excuse me.

- 1 Q. I'm sorry, 1984 to 1993?
- 2 A. That's right.
- 3 Q. What positions did you hold at Abbott?
- 4 A. I was in the legal department at Abbott,
- 5 international legal counsel. The titles changed,
- 6 again, but it was basically responsibility for
- 7 international legal transactions in the regions I was
- 8 assigned, Canada, Asia, Africa, Middle East, other
- 9 areas, and sometimes globally in terms of licensing
- deals we would work on either global or regional rights
- 11 from time to time.
- 12 Q. So, did your responsibilities in the Abbott
- 13 legal department have anything to do with licensing?
- 14 A. Yes, it did.
- 15 Q. What were your responsibilities with regard to
- 16 licensing?
- 17 A. I would work with the licensing department in
- developing the terms of major licensing deals,
- 19 negotiate frankly the more intricate terms in a
- 20 licensing deal. The broader outline of terms would be
- 21 discussed between the people in the licensing
- department, and the more particular terms dealing with
- 23 liability, with timing, with development issues would
- be done by the people in the legal department.
- 25 Q. How many licensing deals were you personally

- 1 involved in while you were with Abbott?
- 2 MR. CURRAN: Objection, Your Honor. In the
- 3 recent brief in which complaint counsel was defending
- 4 their rebuttal witnesses, they said in footnote 31, "We
- 5 do not seek to present Mr. Egan as a surrogate expert
- 6 on licensing."
- 7 The only possible relevance of this witness'
- 8 history of employment and dealings in licensing at an
- 9 employer even before Searle, which is the employment
- 10 he's designated to testify about, has got to be
- irrelevant or solely to establish this fact witness as
- 12 a surrogate expert.
- MS. SHORES: Same objection, Your Honor.
- MS. BOKAT: I'm just trying to establish for
- 15 the Court the knowledge Mr. Egan brought to the
- 16 proposal from Upsher-Smith for Niacor-SR.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'll allow her to establish
- his background generally in licensing, but I think
- 19 everybody understands this is not an expert witness,
- 20 just to alleviate your concerns, Mr. Curran. So,
- 21 you're overruled.
- MR. CURRAN: Thank you, Your Honor.
- MS. SHORES: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 24 MS. BOKAT: May the court reporter read back
- 25 the last question, please?

- 1 (The record was read as follows:)
- 2 "QUESTION: How many licensing deals were you
- 3 personally involved in while you were with Abbott?"
- 4 THE WITNESS: Large deals, perhaps six to a
- 5 dozen. Minor deals, it could have been tens, maybe
- 6 40-50, something like that.
- 7 BY MS. BOKAT:
- 8 Q. I'd like to focus now on your time with Searle.
- 9 Did Searle have a procedure for evaluating in-license
- 10 opportunities?
- 11 A. Yes, we did.
- 12 Q. What was that procedure?
- 13 A. Well, normally the --
- MR. CURRAN: Objection, Your Honor. I object
- 15 to the extent this calls for any testimony beyond what
- 16 is specifically necessary for this witness to testify
- 17 about Searle's dealings with Upsher-Smith or Kos.
- 18 Anything further about licensing evaluation processes
- 19 are irrelevant.
- MS. BOKAT: Your Honor, I am going to be asking
- 21 Mr. Egan about the process Searle applied to two
- licensing opportunities, one from Upsher-Smith as to
- 23 Niacor-SR and the second one from Kos as to Niaspan.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Which he has direct knowledge
- of, correct?

1 MS. BOKAT: That's correct. I was trying to

- 2 establish the procedure at Searle that was applied to
- 3 those two licensing opportunities.
- 4 MR. CURRAN: Your Honor, if that's the
- 5 question, I'll withdraw that objection, but I believe
- 6 the question posed and the question pending was much
- 7 broader in scope than one relating specifically to the
- 8 dealings with Upsher-Smith or Kos.
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, since he's going to tell
- 10 us about evaluating a license with Upsher, I think it's
- 11 a fair question to lay a foundation for his background.
- 12 So, it's overruled.
- Susanne, would you read back the question?
- 14 (The record was read as follows:)
- "QUESTION: What was that procedure?"
- 16 THE WITNESS: Well, the procedure itself was
- 17 generally applied. It had some forms of absolute
- observance and some that, you know, were more or less,
- but more or less here's what happened. Products and
- 20 product opportunities would typically come into the
- 21 licensing and business development group. They might
- come in through regional groups. They might come in
- 23 through scientists, but by and large, they were
- referred to the licensing and business development
- 25 group for initial evaluation.

1 We would look at the first product profile of

- 2 what was coming in, evaluate it, see if it came in it
- 3 would fit what our product planning strategy might be,
- 4 and then do a first rough cut evaluation as to whether
- 5 we would want to proceed further.
- Typically, a great percentage of the
- 7 opportunities that came in unsolicited didn't have much
- 8 merit, and so we were operating largely as a screening
- 9 process in avoiding burning up valuable time and
- 10 resources on things that really weren't worthwhile.
- 11 So, you might end up with things that were either too
- 12 early, too speculative, had no commercial promise, no
- scientific merit, and we would operate as a first
- review process and winnow out the majority and often
- times really the vast majority of those opportunities
- 16 that came in.
- 17 As a second stage, if we felt there was
- something worthy of inquiry, we would start a process
- of review where we would first go to somebody who knew
- 20 the science in the area and somebody in the commercial
- 21 area who knew what the needs were specifically for a
- 22 commercial candidate product to be brought in. The
- 23 first cut was usually called a sniff test, where you
- 24 would ask somebody who was a scientist, who knew the
- 25 area pretty well, about the first nonconfidential

1 profile of the product, just say, gee, is this worth,

- 2 you know, any more time or effort than what we've got?
- And if he said, sure, this is worthwhile, then
- 4 we'd probably go to the commercial people and say, the
- 5 science guy likes this, why don't you look at it
- 6 commercially? They would give you the first commercial
- 7 sniff and say, you know, this looks like it might be
- 8 worthwhile.
- 9 If that came back, then we would probably look
- 10 and see if there was patent coverage on that. You
- 11 could do a quick search through public databases with
- 12 our patent department, the search engines were pretty
- good at that point, and evaluate whether there was
- 14 something to speak further.
- 15 If there were something to speak further, then
- 16 we would usually contact the people that had offered it
- to us and ask them for either a more full
- nonconfidential presentation, usually that would be in
- 19 writing, or for more full explanation over the phone of
- 20 what they had going and then see if it really validated
- 21 out what they had said. It was, again, a credibility
- 22 check at that point.
- 23 If that were worthwhile, and we usually did
- 24 another cycle through the system of the scientists and
- 25 the lawyers and the commercial people, then we would

1 ask them for confidential data and usually ask them to

- 2 come in and have a head-to-head meeting about it.
- 3 The reason you go through these levels of
- 4 review early is because so many of these things are
- 5 turned down as not having any merit. You really have
- 6 to make sure that you don't overspend your efforts on
- 7 stuff that isn't going to go anywhere, and just putting
- 8 a confidentiality agreement in place, although it
- 9 sounds, you know, trivial, it's usually a couple of
- 10 pages, usually the lawyers on either side get involved
- and there's a process of a couple weeks to do that.
- 12 So, by having a confidential meeting, you're really
- serious about hearing what they have to say.
- Then at the confidential meeting, you would
- hear what the presentation was, and you would ask
- 16 yourself whether there was something here that's
- 17 genuinely a fit and whether you would identify that as
- a project for potential licensing that you would work
- 19 on or not.
- 20 If it was, then you would try to pursue it
- 21 further. You'd start working up perhaps financial
- 22 modeling on it. You would see with the commercial
- 23 franchise whether the product fit in the product
- 24 planning cycle and would fit with the sales force
- 25 planning cycle. You'd also talk to the scientists as

1 to whether it fit in your discovery plans for the

- 2 products they were developing and might be going
- 3 forward with, and you'd try to come up with a consensus
- 4 report to ask for authority to start some kind of
- 5 commercial negotiation.
- 6 Typically that would require a first cut by
- 7 people with the authority to authorize a spend, because
- 8 then you're starting to burn up substantial time and
- 9 resources of all of those different groups I've just
- 10 talked about, and you're starting to talk about the
- ability to make a commitment in funds to anybody who
- 12 might be on the other side who you would be negotiating
- 13 with.
- 14 After that, you'd have another series of
- meetings with them on the confidential data, and then
- if your people thought it made the cut, if it was good,
- 17 then you would really start in earnest doing full-blown
- 18 evaluations of all of this. You'd burn up a lot of
- 19 time and resources in terms of commercial projections,
- 20 financial projections, scientific evaluations, go/no-go
- 21 decisions on the scientific merit.
- Then you'd take it up to, you know, the highest
- 23 levels in the company. You'd take it to the chief
- operating officer, chief scientific officer, the chief
- 25 executive officer and get their tentative buy-in into

- 1 it.
- 2 Once you had that, you had negotiating
- 3 authority, then you'd start talking with the parties in
- 4 earnest. You'd usually get responses back and forth,
- 5 pretty much be regular reporting back and forth, and
- 6 then at the end, you'd bring in what you thought was a
- final economic proposal, and you would propose it to
- 8 the CEO and the board, and the CEO and the board, if
- 9 they liked it, would authorize the closing of a deal.
- 10 Then you'd negotiate and close it.
- But again, the process was one of winnowing
- 12 out. I mean, you would start with literally thousands
- of opportunities a year, and you would end up with a
- 14 very small handful, maybe two, three or four in a year
- 15 that you might do.
- 16 Q. You mentioned at the beginning, in the initial
- 17 evaluation, that you were looking at a product profile.
- 18 A. Right.
- 19 Q. Could you explain what you meant?
- 20 A. Well, any incoming candidate has to have a
- 21 profile as to whether it's got any therapeutic benefit
- or commercial potential based on its therapeutic
- 23 benefit. You'd want to know whether the drug was safe,
- 24 whether it had side effects, whether it had efficacy
- 25 for an unmet medical need, whether it was something you

1 could differentiate from other products and therefore

- 2 have a commercial advantage in promotion.
- 3 You'd want to know whether the product was one
- 4 that would have a long patent life or a long
- 5 exclusivity. You'd want to know whether it was
- 6 something that had an ability to work with other
- 7 products, whether your sales force, in detailing this
- 8 product, would also improve their credibility in
- 9 detailing other related products. There was a large
- 10 mix of considerations in terms of the product profile
- 11 you had to consider when going into one of these
- 12 evaluations.
- 13 O. You mentioned that even in this nonconfidential
- 14 stage, some of the scientists looked at it. Is that
- 15 right?
- 16 MS. SHORES: Objection, Your Honor. Again, I
- just want to make clear that we object to this
- 18 testimony if it's being offered to compare in any way
- 19 to what due diligence procedures are used in the
- 20 industry generally.
- I also object to narrative answers. I think
- 22 now I understand how we got to a two-and-a-half-hour
- 23 projection for this witness' direct testimony. It
- seems to me we don't need all this if we are just going
- 25 to get to the consideration of the Niacor deal.

1 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I sustain your objection to

- 2 narrative. Ms. Bokat, you are going to have to ask
- 3 more pointed questions so that in the event someone
- 4 wants to object, they will have an opportunity, without
- 5 letting the witness go on for five minutes.
- As to this being used against Schering-Plough,
- 7 that's understood.
- 8 MS. SHORES: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 9 BY MS. BOKAT:
- 10 Q. You mentioned in this initial review that the
- 11 scientists were involved. What kind of scientists were
- 12 those?
- 13 A. Typically it would be a discovery-level
- 14 scientist within the franchise within which the product
- 15 would fall. Searle had directed and specialized its
- 16 efforts against specific therapeutic franchises, one
- 17 for cardiovascular disease, one was for arthritis and
- inflammation, another was for anti-infective, and other
- ones from time to time would come up. They would
- 20 consider being in diabetes, for example, other ones
- 21 like that.
- Q. You mentioned at a later phase a consensus
- 23 report.
- A. Um-hum.
- Q. Was that a consensus of certain people or

- 1 positions within Searle?
- 2 A. Sure.
- 3 MR. CURRAN: Your Honor, I object. These
- 4 questions are untethered to negotiations between Searle
- 5 and Upsher-Smith or Searle and Kos. They appear to be
- 6 hypothetical in nature. The witness has already
- 7 testified that these procedures weren't always
- 8 followed. The only thing that's relevant is what
- 9 Searle did in the negotiations with Upsher-Smith.
- 10 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I agree, that's sustained. We
- need to get to the point, the reason why we were told
- 12 this witness was coming in, Ms. Bokat.
- 13 BY MS. BOKAT:
- Q. Mr. Egan, in 1997, were there discussions
- between Searle and Upsher-Smith about a potential
- 16 license from Upsher to Searle?
- 17 A. Yes.
- Q. What product or products were involved?
- 19 A. Upsher-Smith had a sustained release niacin
- 20 called Niacor-SR that they wanted to talk about.
- Q. Was that the only Upsher product involved?
- 22 A. The only one I recall.
- Q. At that time, did Searle have any interest in a
- 24 sustained release niacin?
- 25 A. We had a general interest in niacin in general,

1 and we wanted to know about all niacin products that

- 2 were coming up.
- 3 Q. Had Searle at that point done any work on a
- 4 niacin product?
- 5 A. We had our own internal program that was
- 6 evaluating analogs of niacin that would give its
- 7 therapeutic benefit and avoid its toxicity and its side
- 8 effects.
- 9 Q. Why was Searle interested in a niacin -- a
- 10 niacin analog?
- 11 A. Because the market that it would serve and the
- 12 mechanism that it would use in that market offered the
- promise of potentially a very large product. That
- market, the hyperlipidemia or atherosclerosis market,
- is one of the largest segments in the pharmaceutical
- industry, and if there is a product that is effective
- 17 and safe and doesn't have a side effect profile that
- discourages its use, it has a substantial potential
- 19 commercially.
- 20 Q. What side effects were you just referring to?
- 21 A. Niacin, when it's used generally, causes some
- 22 very unpleasant side effects --
- MR. CURRAN: Objection, Your Honor. I ask for
- voir dire if this witness is going to testify about
- 25 side effects of particular chemical compounds.

1 JUDGE CHAPPELL: You can do it now or during

- 2 cross. What's your choice?
- 3 MR. CURRAN: I'd prefer to do it now, Your
- 4 Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead.
- 6 VOIR DIRE EXAMINATION
- 7 BY MR. CURRAN:
- 8 Q. Mr. Egan, I'm Chris Curran, we met at your
- 9 deposition about a year ago.
- 10 A. Yes, I do.
- 11 Q. Sir, you're not a toxicologist, correct?
- 12 A. No.
- Q. And you're not a pharmacist, correct?
- 14 A. No.
- Q. You're not a pharmacologist, correct?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. You're not a cardiologist, correct?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. You're not a lipidologist, correct?
- 20 A. No.
- Q. You're not a medical doctor at all, correct?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. You didn't attend medical school, correct?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. You didn't take the medical boards, correct?

- 1 A. No, I did not.
- Q. You've never treated patients professionally?
- 3 A. I have not.
- 4 Q. You've never diagnosed patients professionally?
- 5 A. I have not.
- Q. You've never written prescriptions, have you?
- 7 A. I have not.
- 8 Q. You've -- you mentioned before you went to
- 9 Georgetown. You majored there and you graduated there
- 10 from the School of Foreign Service, correct?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 Q. And from there you went to law school?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- Q. So, you have got no formal medical training,
- 15 correct?
- 16 A. I have no formal medical training.
- 17 Q. In fact, sir, when you were working at Searle,
- you relied on scientists to provide you with medical
- 19 opinions and advice, correct?
- 20 A. In some settings, not all, I did, yes.
- Q. And sir, in connection with your dealings with
- 22 the Upsher-Smith product, you relied on scientists for
- 23 the medical -- for their medical views, correct?
- A. For their medical views --
- 25 Q. Yeah.

- 1 A. Yes, I relied on them.
- 2 MR. CURRAN: Your Honor, nothing further on
- 3 voir dire. Thank you.
- 4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Thank you.
- Go ahead, Ms. Bokat.
- 6 MS. BOKAT: Did we have a question pending?
- 7 (The record was read as follows:)
- 8 "QUESTION: What side effects were you just
- 9 referring to?
- 10 "ANSWER: Niacin, when it's used generally,
- 11 causes some very unpleasant side effects --"
- BY MS. BOKAT:
- Q. What were those side effects?
- 14 A. They are listed in the label --
- MR. CURRAN: Your Honor, objection --
- 16 MS. SHORES: Objection, foundation, Your Honor.
- 17 MR. CURRAN: Your Honor, my objection is
- 18 similar. It's based on Rule 701 of the Federal Rules
- 19 of Evidence, which state that the opinion of a lay
- 20 witness is only admissible if it's rationally based on
- 21 the perception of the witness and helpful to a clear
- 22 understanding on the part of the finder of fact and
- 23 that it's not based on scientific, technical or other
- 24 specialized knowledge. Given the voir dire, I object
- 25 to this witness providing an opinion on this subject.

- 1 JUDGE CHAPPELL: The objection's sustained.
- 2 The witness, however, was not asked what caused the
- 3 side effects and, you know, to get into more
- 4 opinion-type areas. I'll let him tell the Court if
- 5 he's aware of side effects if he had to know that in
- 6 relation to his work and working on the license
- 7 opportunity or anything else regarding his work, but
- 8 it's not for the opinion of what causes side effects.
- 9 MR. CURRAN: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 10 BY MS. BOKAT:
- 11 Q. With the Judge's admonition, can you answer the
- 12 question, or do you want me to rephrase it?
- 13 A. Could you restate the question? I don't know
- 14 what question I'm answering at this point.
- 15 O. Sure.
- 16 Based on your work in licensing at Searle, did
- 17 you have information about the side effects of niacin
- 18 products?
- 19 MS. SHORES: I'll register an objection here,
- 20 Your Honor, foundation and potentially calls for a
- 21 hearsay response.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, I'll overrule the
- 23 hearsay objection if he knows about side effects and he
- 24 acted on that in his job regarding the licensing, but I
- 25 want to hear a foundation -- if he's going to tell me

1 about side effects, I need to know how that related to

- 2 what he had to do.
- 3 BY MS. BOKAT:
- Q. Mr. Egan, when you were at Searle, did you in
- 5 your capacity in the licensing department have occasion
- 6 to look at licensing prospects among niacin drugs?
- 7 A. I did.
- Q. Did you seek any information about niacin
- 9 products from other personnel at Searle?
- 10 A. I did.
- MS. SHORES: Objection, calls for -- not that
- 12 question, go ahead. I'm sorry.
- 13 THE WITNESS: I did.
- BY MS. BOKAT:
- Q. Did you have information of your own about
- 16 niacin products?
- MS. SHORES: Objection, vaque.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: I think -- I'm not going to
- 19 tell you how to conduct your direct, but you may be
- 20 going backwards. You might want to ask him if he had
- 21 to know about that in relation to his dealings with
- 22 Upsher. In that regard, I'll allow it, but generally,
- 23 I don't need to know what he knows about side effects.
- 24 So, it is vague. Sustained.
- 25 BY MS. BOKAT:

- 1 Q. In order to assess Niacor-SR and Kos' Niaspan,
- 2 did you personally need to have information about the
- 3 side effects of niacin products?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Did you obtain that information?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Where did you obtain it?
- 8 A. Publicly available sources, the Federal Food
- 9 and Drug Administration approved label on niacin.
- 10 Q. And what impression did you derive from those
- 11 sources about side effects of niacins?
- 12 A. Those that are stated in the label, including
- 13 flushing, peripheral tingling pain and other side
- 14 effects called flush or -- I can't remember the exact
- 15 words. It's in the label on the product.
- Q. When in 1997 did the discussions between Searle
- 17 and Upsher-Smith take place?
- 18 A. I believe it was in early 1997, April-May,
- 19 something like that.
- 20 Q. Do you recall what led to the discussions
- 21 between Upsher-Smith and Searle?
- 22 A. To my recollection, I think the European group
- 23 had been looking for niacins as well. They had been in
- 24 contact with Upsher-Smith in some fashion and said that
- 25 they would like to come in and present and would like

- 1 our review and participation in the review.
- Q. Was there a meeting between Upsher-Smith and
- 3 Searle?
- 4 A. I recall one, yes.
- 5 Q. Where did that take place?
- A. It took place in Skokie, Illinois, in I think
- 7 Building 2, 7th Floor, Tower 2.
- 8 Q. Was that a Searle building?
- 9 A. It sure was.
- 10 Q. Did Upsher provide any information about
- 11 Niacor-SR prior to that meeting?
- 12 A. They may have. I don't recall necessarily.
- 13 What I recall was materials presented at the meeting.
- Q. Who participated in that meeting on behalf of
- 15 Searle?
- 16 A. I believe it was -- and I can't be absolutely
- 17 certain about all the participants in the meeting -- I
- 18 believe Mary Schwab was there, I think Holly Vene was
- 19 there, Chris Cramton, Jeff Berg, Jim Stolzenbach, and I
- 20 think Brian Berzinski (phonetic) was there. I'm not
- 21 sure one way or the other.
- Q. What was Ms. Schwab's position with Searle?
- 23 A. She worked for Holly Vene in Europe in their
- 24 efforts to do business development on regional
- 25 products, regional opportunities.

- 1 Q. Was Ms. Schwab a licensing person?
- 2 A. No, she was regional business development for
- 3 regional deals in Europe. Their group mainly operated
- 4 in business development in the sense of acquisition of
- 5 companies. They were looking to buy companies to
- 6 increase their critical mass in Europe, to be able to
- 7 be an effective marketer in Europe. Occasionally they
- 8 looked at product opportunities, but it was unusual.
- 9 Q. What was Holly Vene's position?
- 10 A. She was a director for European mergers,
- 11 acquisitions, business development. And commercial
- operations, as well, she did commercial planning and
- 13 strategy for them.
- 14 Q. You mentioned a Chris Cramton.
- 15 A. Right.
- 16 O. Is that a male or a female?
- 17 A. That's a female. She is one of the members of
- 18 the cardiovascular therapeutic team, commercial
- assessment team that was working on the commercial
- 20 planning and development of the Searle cardiovascular
- 21 portfolio.
- Q. You mentioned an individual named Berg?
- 23 A. Jeff Berg worked for her. He was a deputy for
- I think it was hypertension. I'm not sure exactly what
- 25 his group was, but hypertension, hyperlipidemia

- 1 specifically.
- Q. Do you know what Ms. Cramton's background was?
- 3 A. She had worked in blood -- well, I -- she had
- 4 worked in blood products prior to that at Baxter. I
- 5 believe she had a business degree. I'm not real sure.
- 6 Q. You mentioned a Mr. Stolzenbach.
- 7 A. Um-hum.
- 8 Q. What was his position at Searle?
- 9 A. Jim Stolzenbach was in charge of project
- 10 management. Jim was a pharmacologist, and in project
- 11 management, he was responsible for orchestrating all of
- 12 the different disciplines necessary to get preclinical
- candidates ready for and progressing through clinical
- 14 trials. He was educated I think at the University of
- 15 Oregon.
- 16 Q. What is a pharmacologist?
- 17 A. Well, a pharmacologist is a -- is a person who
- is familiar with the science of the application and use
- of pharmaceuticals for human indications. They are
- 20 people that will be expert in analyzing a drug
- 21 substance for its bioavailability, its administration,
- distribution, metabolism, excretion. He'll be able to
- 23 evaluate a drug's duration in the body, how long it's
- 24 going to be there, its local pharmacodynamic effect.
- 25 It's a very broad expertise that a pharmacologist might

- 1 possess.
- Q. What was Mr. Berzinski's position?
- 3 A. He was working in the cardiovascular clinical
- 4 group at the time. I believe he was -- well, he was on
- 5 the clinical development planning group there. He was
- 6 working on our IIb/IIIA inhibitor, which was a major
- 7 clinical candidate for us.
- Q. Do you know what his educational background is?
- 9 A. I think he graduated from medical school, I
- 10 believe it was Harvard, and prior to that, I don't know
- 11 where he went.
- 12 O. But he was an M.D.?
- 13 A. He was an M.D.
- Q. Were you at that meeting as well?
- 15 A. I was at that meeting --
- 16 MR. CURRAN: Objection, foundation, Your Honor.
- 17 That question assumes that Mr. Berzinski was at the
- meeting, and the witness has testified he doesn't know
- if Mr. Berzinski was at the meeting.
- 20 MS. BOKAT: I could rephrase the question --
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead.
- MS. BOKAT: -- to move it along.
- BY MS. BOKAT:
- Q. Mr. Egan, were you at the meeting with
- 25 Upsher-Smith?

- 1 A. I was.
- 2 Q. Did Upsher-Smith provide any written materials
- 3 to the Searle representatives at that meeting?
- 4 A. They did. They provided I believe a copy of
- 5 their overhead presentation to the people at the
- 6 meeting.
- 7 MS. BOKAT: Your Honor, I would like to
- 8 approach the witness and hand him an exhibit. It is
- 9 USX 538.
- 10 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right.
- 11 MS. BOKAT: It has already been admitted, and
- 12 according to our check, it was not granted in camera
- 13 status.
- 14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right.
- MS. BOKAT: May I approach the witness?
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Yes, you may.
- 17 BY MS. BOKAT:
- Q. Mr. Egan, looking at USX 538, is this the
- written material that Upsher-Smith provided at the
- 20 meeting with Searle?
- 21 MS. SHORES: I'll object to this on foundation
- 22 grounds. It appears that this document was produced
- out of the files of Upsher-Smith.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Is it in evidence?
- MS. BOKAT: Yes, it is, Your Honor.

- 1 MS. SHORES: It is in evidence.
- 2 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Then she can ask the witness
- 3 about it. Overruled.
- 4 THE WITNESS: (Document review.) It appears to
- 5 be the presentation that I recall seeing there in the
- 6 first series of pages in what you would call a handout
- 7 note series, which I recall receiving, but after that,
- 8 there's another series of these enlarged which seem to
- 9 track with what the size of the overheads that were
- 10 actually presented would look like with some
- 11 handwritten notes in there, and then at the back, there
- 12 are some -- there's a -- what's described as additional
- overheads not included as part of the presentation
- 14 handout.
- So, it looks like the presentation in the
- 16 front, then someone's listing of the presentation items
- again interspersed with their own notes, and then some
- that I presume to be slides that were not presented but
- 19 are called additional overheads not included as part of
- 20 the presentation handout.
- BY MS. BOKAT:
- 22 Q. The pages that were part of the handout, what
- 23 Bates numbers do those cover? There are what I call
- 24 Bates numbers in the lower right-hand corner of each
- 25 page.

- 1 A. Where it says USL you mean?
- 2 Q. Exactly.
- 3 A. That would go from USL 11578 through USL 11594.
- Q. Were there any other written materials provided
- 5 by Upsher-Smith at the meeting?
- A. I don't recall them giving anything other than
- 7 the overheads, which are here.
- Q. Did the Upsher representatives do any oral
- 9 presentation?
- 10 A. Yes, they did.
- 11 Q. About how long did the meeting last?
- 12 A. Ninety minutes, something like that.
- Q. Was the written information -- well, let me
- 14 back up.
- 15 At the time of the meeting, was there a
- 16 confidentiality agreement in place between Upsher-Smith
- 17 and Searle?
- 18 A. I believe there was, although I think that was
- 19 handled by Mary Schwab's group, not mine, so I can't be
- 20 sure.
- Q. Was the information given to Searle at
- 22 Upsher-Smith sufficient for Searle to sign a licensing
- 23 agreement for the Niacor-SR product?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. What additional information did Searle need?

1 MR. CURRAN: Objection, hypothetical, Your

- 2 Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'll overrule it if he has
- 4 personal knowledge of what information was needed.
- 5 That was his project, wasn't it?
- 6 BY MS. BOKAT:
- 7 Q. Was that your project?
- 8 A. Right.
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Based upon our evaluation, no
- 11 additional information they could have given me would
- 12 have justified a licensing agreement.
- 13 BY MS. BOKAT:
- 14 Q. In what geographic area was Upsher-Smith
- offering Searle a license for Niacor-SR?
- 16 A. There wasn't any real discussion of the total
- 17 scope of it. Obviously we would have liked to have had
- more, both U.S. and Europe, if we had wanted to have
- 19 it. I think the initiation was related to Europe, but
- 20 we were hoping to have discussions that would have been
- 21 global.
- 22 Q. What phase of clinical trials was Niacor-SR in
- 23 at the time of the meeting between Searle and
- 24 Upsher-Smith?
- MR. CURRAN: Objection, foundation, Your Honor.

- 1 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Sustained.
- 2 BY MS. BOKAT:
- 3 Q. At the time of the meeting, were you aware of
- 4 what clinical phase Niacor-SR was in?
- 5 A. At the -- during the meeting, it was
- 6 represented to us that they were performing pivotal
- 7 trials for the registration of the drug, phase III.
- 8 Q. After the conclusion of the meeting with
- 9 Upsher-Smith, did the Searle people who had been
- 10 present at the meeting confer among yourselves?
- 11 A. We did.
- 12 Q. And approximately when did that occur?
- 13 A. Immediately after the meeting was over.
- 14 Q. What was the reaction of the Searle
- 15 representatives to the information that had been
- presented by Upsher-Smith at that meeting?
- MS. SHORES: Objection, hearsay, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Are you offering this for the
- 19 truth of the matter?
- 20 MS. BOKAT: I'm offering this for Mr. Egan's
- 21 perception -- Mr. Egan is the head of this licensing
- 22 project -- his perception of what his colleagues
- 23 thought of the product.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: So, you don't care whether
- 25 what they said was true or false?

- 1 MS. BOKAT: That's right.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'll allow it. Overruled.
- 3 THE WITNESS: That the project was not a
- 4 licensing candidate, that we had no interest in further
- 5 pursuing the product.
- BY MS. BOKAT:
- 7 Q. Did you personally have any interest in
- 8 pursuing the product?
- 9 A. I had no further personal interest in pursuing
- 10 the product.
- Q. Why was that?
- 12 A. Because I believed the product had a toxicity
- profile that suggested that it was not going to be a
- 14 successful drug.
- MS. SHORES: Objection, move to strike, lacks
- 16 foundation. I don't believe that she's laid a
- 17 foundation for this witness to talk about a toxicity
- 18 profile based on the voir dire that Mr. Curran did.
- MR. CURRAN: I join, Your Honor, on the basis
- 20 of Rule 701. This is improper opinion testimony by a
- 21 lay witness.
- MS. BOKAT: Your Honor, this gentleman was in a
- 23 meeting where Searle was presented information by
- 24 Upsher-Smith. He and his colleagues took in and
- 25 processed that information, and as the project leader,

1 he arrived at a decision. I'm trying to find out the

- 2 reasons for his decision.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, I'll overrule the
- 4 objections. I'm not accepting an expert opinion on a
- 5 toxicity profile, and he said that he -- the question
- 6 asked why, and he told us why, but as for foundation, I
- 7 need to know where did he ever hear about that? I
- 8 mean, he just mouthed a toxicity profile. I -- you
- 9 know, there needs to be a connection there.
- MS. SHORES: And again, Your Honor, just so my
- 11 position is clear on the record, I would object to this
- 12 witness testifying if he heard about that from someone
- 13 else.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, I'll overrule that,
- because it was his project, and he can tell us why he
- 16 rejected or accepted whatever was going on.
- Go ahead.
- 18 BY MS. BOKAT:
- 19 Q. Mr. Egan, did you have any information about
- 20 the toxicity of Niacor-SR?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. What was that information, sir?
- MS. SHORES: Objection, calls for hearsay.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'm going to allow that as
- 25 foundation for what he already testified to. I'm not

1 accepting it as an expert opinion on what toxicity is.

- THE WITNESS: The information I had was
- 3 information that was given to me, the assessment of Jim
- 4 Stolzenbach, who was in the meeting, and the
- 5 presentation made by Upsher-Smith directly.
- 6 MS. SHORES: Given that answer, then, I move to
- 7 strike on the ground that he's just passing on hearsay
- 8 information from this Jim whatever his name is.
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Are you offering his last
- 10 answer because it's true or because he heard it and
- 11 acted upon it?
- 12 MS. BOKAT: Because he heard it and acted upon
- 13 it.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Overruled.
- MS. BOKAT: Your Honor, may I look at the
- 16 realtime to look at that last answer for one minute,
- 17 please?
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead.
- MS. BOKAT: Thank you.
- 20 BY MS. BOKAT:
- Q. Mr. Egan, I think in that last answer you
- referred not only to the information provided you by
- 23 Mr. Stolzenbach but also you referred to the
- 24 presentation made by Upsher-Smith directly. So, did
- you personally have information based on that

1 Upsher-Smith presentation about the toxicity of

- 2 Niacor-SR?
- 3 A. The information that I saw in the Upsher-Smith
- 4 presentation, confirming also Jim Stolzenbach's
- 5 opinion, and my ability to see the data referred to and
- 6 that Jim actually referred to as well as confirming his
- 7 logic was also a basis of the conclusion that I came
- 8 to.
- 9 Q. Did you personally have a concern about the
- 10 toxicity of Niacor-SR?
- 11 A. In my --
- 12 MR. CURRAN: Objection. Objection as to
- 13 relevance, Your Honor. His personal views that were
- 14 never expressed to Upsher-Smith have no relevance in
- 15 this case.
- MS. BOKAT: But his views may very well have
- 17 played into Searle's decision about whether to license
- 18 the product or not.
- 19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'll overrule the objection.
- 20 I'll allow him to tell us why he did or did not accept
- 21 the deal. I'm not -- and again, I'm not accepting it
- as any expert opinion on these areas. He's a fact
- 23 witness.
- MR. CURRAN: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 25 THE WITNESS: My opinion was, in my role as a

- 1 licensing person, that I felt that the drug would not
- 2 be a licensing candidate based upon my assessment of
- 3 its profile as having potential toxicity.
- 4 BY MS. BOKAT:
- 5 Q. After the meeting with Upsher-Smith, did Searle
- 6 personnel perform any further analysis of Niacor-SR?
- 7 A. Not much.
- 8 Q. Did they perform any?
- 9 A. I believe they talked among themselves to a
- 10 certain extent, yes.
- 11 Q. What happened after that in the negotiations
- 12 between Searle and Upsher-Smith?
- 13 A. I think we got back with them that we had no
- 14 further interest.
- Q. When you were with Searle, were you personally
- 16 involved in any discussions with Kos Pharmaceuticals
- 17 about a niacin product?
- MS. SHORES: Objection, Your Honor. I'd like
- 19 to ask for exactly what is this rebutting? None of the
- 20 respondents raised any issue with respect to the
- 21 discussions between Kos and Searle.
- MR. CURRAN: I join in that, Your Honor.
- MS. BOKAT: Your Honor, several of the
- 24 witnesses testified that Upsher-Smith's Niacor and Kos'
- 25 Niaspan were of -- were similar, were of equivalent

- 1 value. Those witnesses include Dr. Horovitz, Mr.
- 2 Halvorsen, Mr. Lauda, Mr. Troup and Dr. Kerr. In fact,
- 3 Dr. Kerr testified that he testified the value --
- 4 excuse me, he tested the value of Niacor-SR as of June
- 5 1997 against Kos' similar product. He looked at the
- 6 success and the public record and the ability of Kos to
- 7 put out a product that was going to be successful.
- 8 Then Dr. Kerr went on to say that Kos' Niaspan and
- 9 Niacor-SR were similar.
- 10 Well, Searle looked at both of these products,
- 11 Niacor-SR and Niaspan. I was going to ask Mr. Egan
- 12 about the discussions between Kos and Searle about
- Niaspan and then the comparison between the two
- 14 products.
- MS. SHORES: Your Honor, may I ask for a page
- 16 and line citation to the portions of the transcript
- where Dr. Horovitz and Mr. Lauda, the Schering
- 18 witnesses, testified that Niacor and Niaspan were of
- 19 equivalent value?
- 20 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay, let's just take a break
- 21 and get together, counsel confer, and validate your
- 22 concerns, Ms. Shores.
- MS. SHORES: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 24 JUDGE CHAPPELL: And look at the record cites
- 25 that complaint counsel have.

- 1 MS. SHORES: Thank you.
- 2 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Let's go back on the record.
- 4 MS. SHORES: Your Honor, based on the
- 5 transcript cites that I saw -- I think you're going to
- 6 fix this, and I apologize, Karen, if you are -- with
- 7 respect to Schering witnesses, there was no testimony
- 8 about the equivalence in value as between Niaspan and
- 9 Niacor. There was testimony about their equivalence in
- 10 terms of -- or the comparison between them in terms of
- 11 strategic value, which is quite different, and I think
- she is going to re-orient her questions in that regard.
- 13 MR. CURRAN: I should wait to hear the
- re-oriented question before I respond to the question
- 15 that was pending, Your Honor.
- 16 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay, so where we are now,
- 17 your objections are withdrawn at this point, because
- she's going to rephrase the question?
- 19 MS. SHORES: That's correct, Your Honor.
- MR. CURRAN: Yes, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead, Ms. Bokat.
- BY MS. BOKAT:
- Q. Mr. Egan, before we move directly into Kos
- 24 then, I would like to go back to the niacin products a
- 25 little more generally to establish perhaps a link.

1 You mentioned earlier in the day I believe it

- 2 was a IIb/IIIA inhibitor?
- 3 A. That's correct, I did.
- 4 Q. What kind of product is that?
- 5 A. That was a one-a-day orally bioavailable
- 6 product that if it had met what we thought its promise
- 7 would have been would have prevented heart attacks and
- 8 strokes.
- 9 Q. Was there any connection between Searle looking
- at niacin products and this IIb/IIIA inhibitor?
- 11 A. Yes, there was.
- 12 Q. What was the connection, sir?
- 13 A. We had a sales force that was then detailing a
- 14 Verapamil sustained release product. Calan SR had been
- 15 a very big product for Searle, Verapamil release
- 16 product, and we were hoping to register and launch a
- 17 IIb/IIIA inhibitor called xemlofiban and another one
- 18 called orbofiban at the time, and we felt that these
- 19 would be blockbuster products that would require very
- 20 significant sales force capabilities, specifically
- focused in the cardiovascular area, to be able to
- 22 maximize those product opportunities. By
- "blockbuster," I mean products that had a sales
- 24 potential of over \$500 million.
- 25 Q. So, was there any connection between the

- 1 Niacor -- excuse me, the sustained release niacin
- 2 products and this cardiovascular sales effort related
- 3 to the IIb/IIIA inhibitor?
- A. Right. The fit was that if you had a product
- 5 that would be in the cardiovascular area and you would
- 6 be speaking with doctors who had cardiovascular
- 7 patients and had expertise in cardiovascular area,
- 8 before you launch the blockbuster drugs, you would have
- 9 had a basis for being in the doctor's office, building
- 10 a relationship with him, establishing your corporate
- 11 name related to a product with the opportunity to
- 12 support that sales and name recognition effort from the
- sales you generate from the detailing to the doctors
- 14 from the cardiovascular products you would take to the
- doctors.
- 16 Q. Based on the information that you personally
- 17 had on Niacor-SR, did you think that Niacor-SR would
- 18 serve as a bridge for your sales effort to the -- to
- 19 the IIb/IIIA inhibitors?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Why not?
- 22 A. We didn't think it had a profile that was
- registerable or a profile that would have been
- 24 commercially successful.
- 25 MS. SHORES: Objection, move to strike as to

- 1 "registerable" on the grounds that he's not an expert,
- 2 and also on the ground that we had all stipulated that
- 3 we weren't going to talk about registration or
- 4 approvability of Niacor-SR.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Any response?
- MS. BOKAT: Your Honor, I wasn't asking for his
- 7 expert opinion. He's a licensing person who is in
- 8 charge of the product. I'm trying to establish whether
- 9 he, after looking at the information he had on
- 10 Niacor-SR, thought it was going to be a sales bridge
- for his inhibitor product, and he said -- I'm
- 12 simplifying the --
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, based on his knowledge,
- 14 I'm going to disregard the part about whether it had a
- registerable profile. I'll allow his response
- 16 regarding the commercially feasible profile.
- MS. BOKAT: Thank you, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Or commercially successful
- 19 profile he said.
- 20 BY MS. BOKAT:
- Q. Did Searle consider Kos' Niaspan as a possible
- 22 sales bridge for Searle's IIb/IIIA inhibitor?
- 23 A. We did.
- Q. Were there any discussions between Searle and
- 25 Kos involving a Kos niacin?

- 1 A. There were.
- Q. What products, what Kos products, were involved
- 3 in those discussions?
- 4 A. I think the --
- 5 MR. CURRAN: Your Honor, I object. I don't --
- 6 I'd like to ask for a statement as to what this is
- 7 rebutting, what from the respondents' case is this
- 8 relevant to.
- 9 MS. BOKAT: Again, Your Honor, Dr. Kerr
- 10 testified about a link in his testing between Niacor-SR
- and this Kos product, Niaspan. Dr. Kerr testified that
- 12 he tested the value of Niacor-SR as of the June 1997
- 13 time period against Kos' similar product. He looked at
- 14 the success and the public record on the ability of Kos
- to put out a product that was going to be successful,
- 16 and then he went on to say that Kos' Niaspan and Niacor
- were similar.
- 18 Searle looked at both products. Mr. Egan has
- 19 described for us the negotiations about Niacor-SR. I'm
- 20 trying to establish what Searle did with respect to
- 21 Niaspan and what they thought and did they think the
- 22 two were similar to rebut Dr. Kerr's testimony.
- 23 MR. CURRAN: Your Honor, Dr. Kerr was an expert
- 24 witness. This fact witness cannot be proffered to
- 25 rebut expert testimony.

1 JUDGE CHAPPELL: He can't offer an expert

- 2 opinion to rebut it, but if he has factual information,
- 3 he can use that to the extent he has it.
- 4 MS. SHORES: Your Honor, may I just register
- 5 one other objection before you rule? It seems to me
- 6 that she had said before I thought that the Niacor
- 7 information wasn't offered for the truth. Based on her
- 8 last statement, it sounds like it is offered for the
- 9 truth.
- 10 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay, and tell me again where
- 11 you're going with this line of questioning. You're
- 12 trying to demonstrate the comparability of Niaspan
- 13 versus Niacor?
- 14 MS. BOKAT: I'm trying -- excuse me, Your
- 15 Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: So, it's comparability or
- 17 noncomparability of Niaspan versus Niacor?
- MS. BOKAT: Right, but in order to get to the
- 19 comparability, I think I have to establish that Searle
- 20 looked at Niaspan so that he has some basis for
- 21 comparison.
- MR. CURRAN: So, it sounds like, Your Honor,
- 23 this is lay opinion to rebut expert opinion. Dr. Kerr
- was qualified by the Court with no objection from
- 25 complaint counsel as an expert in valuation. This is a

- 1 fact witness with demonstrably no qualifications to
- 2 opine on the value of scientific and pharmacological
- 3 products.
- 4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, I am going to partially
- 5 sustain and partially overrule the objections. I'll
- 6 allow him to testify only as to his personal knowledge
- 7 of what his firm did regarding the two drugs. I don't
- 8 need a lot of details. We don't need to get into all
- 9 the details about Kos' product, but if he has personal
- 10 knowledge of why he accepted or rejected a deal
- 11 regarding Niaspan, I'll allow that. So, go ahead.
- 12 BY MS. BOKAT:
- 13 Q. Let me see if I can pick up my train of
- 14 thought.
- 15 There were discussions between Searle and Kos
- about Kos' Niaspan. Is that right?
- 17 A. That's correct.
- 18 Q. But that was the only niacin under discussion
- 19 between Kos and Searle.
- 20 A. That's correct.
- Q. When did the discussions between Searle and Kos
- take place?
- 23 A. They took -- around about the same time frame,
- 24 actually, probably started earlier than the time of the
- 25 Niacor conversation. It was probably over the course

of about a year really, probably early '97 to -- even

- on to early '98.
- 3 Q. Did Searle sign a confidentiality agreement
- 4 with Kos?
- 5 A. I suspect we did. I don't remember exactly.
- Q. Were there any meetings between Searle
- 7 personnel and Kos people about Niaspan?
- 8 A. Many.
- 9 Q. Would you describe the first meeting you
- 10 recall?
- 11 A. I think the first was a conversation with their
- 12 licensing people regarding their Niaspan product. I
- think it was a phone call. I think that was Mr. Patel
- 14 and I had a conversation. I think I initiated the
- 15 call, if I'm not mistaken. I basically asked what Kos'
- 16 plans were about their marketing of the drug and what
- 17 his thoughts would be about a potential globalization
- or co-promotion of his product.
- 19 Q. Why did you initiate that phone conversation?
- 20 A. Well, because we needed a new product to fit
- into our cardiovascular franchise, to build our sales
- force capabilities and to develop our capabilities for
- 23 the fiban drugs that were coming and to make the
- 24 current sales force more efficient with the Verapamil
- 25 products we were promoting.

1 Q. Were there any conversations between Searle and

- 2 Kos after that phone conversation that you had with Mr.
- 3 Patel?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. What was the next conversation?
- 6 MS. SHORES: Objection, calls for hearsay.
- 7 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Are you offering it for the
- 8 truth of the matter or just because it was said and he
- 9 acted on it?
- 10 MS. BOKAT: I'm just trying to find out if he
- 11 had another discussion. I asked whether he had another
- 12 phone call or a meeting.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'll allow it, overruled, but
- I don't need to hear a whole lot about these
- 15 discussions. Go ahead.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Yes, there was another meeting.
- 17 BY MS. BOKAT:
- 18 Q. Maybe I can try and shorten this for the Court.
- 19 Rather than taking it meeting by meeting, what Searle
- 20 personnel was involved in the communications with Kos?
- 21 A. I was involved, Holly Vene was involved, I
- believe Rodney Lapp was involved, I believe Doug Zink
- 23 was involved, I believe Kevin McCollough was involved,
- 24 I believe Mary Schwab was involved. Those people were
- 25 involved either directly or indirectly in the course of

1 the conversations and consideration of the Kos Niaspan

- 2 opportunity.
- Q. What was Mr. Lapp's position with Searle?
- A. He was the head of the discovery group
- 5 reporting to Peter Corr, was head of all discovery for
- 6 cardiovascular products.
- 7 Q. What was Mr. Zink's position?
- A. Doug was in our group. He was in the mergers
- 9 and acquisitions group there.
- 10 Q. What was Mr. McCollough's position?
- 11 A. Kevin was in the sales force planning and
- marketing planning group for the North American
- 13 operations.
- 14 Q. How many meetings were there between Searle and
- 15 Kos?
- 16 A. Maybe a half a dozen.
- 17 Q. What information about Niaspan did Kos provide
- 18 to Searle?
- 19 A. They gave a pretty complete presentation of
- 20 everything, of their clinical trial results, of their
- 21 sales force planning, of their commercial plan, their
- 22 expectations of sales, pricing, market penetrations.
- Q. What geographic areas was Searle considering
- 24 with respect to a license for Niaspan?
- 25 A. We were thinking about as much -- as much

1 territory as we could get, both Europe and U.S.

- 2 certainly.
- 3 Q. Did Searle perform any analysis of the
- 4 information provided by Kos with respect to Niaspan?
- 5 A. Yes, we did.
- Q. Who performed the analysis?
- 7 A. I performed some of the analysis. I believe Ed
- 8 Millon may have also performed some of the analysis,
- 9 but Kevin McCollough did a lot of the analysis as well.
- 10 Q. What analysis did you personally perform?
- 11 A. The analysis I did was one of evaluation of the
- 12 expected price and expected sales force numbers that
- they wanted as compared to our own internal
- 14 capabilities, which was communicated to Kevin
- McCollough, who made the final decisions on what would
- 16 and wouldn't be possible. You know, I did some rough
- 17 evaluations in preparation for a meeting with Kevin,
- 18 who did go down and meet with Kos in Miami.
- 19 Q. When you said you did some analysis of expected
- 20 price, what price were you referring to?
- 21 A. The price of the Kos Niaspan and the expected
- 22 numbers of details that would be necessary to get the
- 23 product sold, that kind of thing. At early stages, I
- had been talking with Mr. Patel and their other
- 25 commercial people, and it was only at later stages that

- 1 Kevin McCollough came in to do the final definitive
- 2 determination as to whether it was a productive use of
- 3 our sales force immediately.
- Q. When you referred to your analysis of the price
- of Niaspan, were you talking about the price of Niaspan
- 6 to the customer or the price that Kos might want from
- 7 Searle?
- 8 A. Both.
- 9 Q. And for which geographic areas did you analyze
- the potential Niaspan price?
- 11 A. Primarily United States, but we also analyzed
- 12 Europe. Europe offered particular problems because
- 13 Europe is very frugal on drug pricing --
- MR. CURRAN: Objection, Your Honor, going
- 15 beyond the question.
- MS. SHORES: Same objection, move to strike as
- 17 nonresponsive.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Sustained. I'll disregard
- 19 everything after, "but we also analyzed Europe."
- 20 BY MS. BOKAT:
- Q. Why did you analyze the price in Europe?
- 22 A. Because the pricing that you might expect to
- get in Europe, particularly on a reformulation of an
- 24 otherwise generic product, was going to be
- 25 substantially lower than the price that we would expect

- 1 to get in the United States.
- MS. SHORES: Objection, move to strike, lacks
- 3 foundation. That sounds like expert testimony to me.
- 4 MS. BOKAT: Your Honor, this gentleman
- 5 personally did an analysis of pricing. I'm asking him
- 6 about the results, why he did it and the results of the
- 7 analysis.
- 8 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'll overrule it, and I'm
- 9 allowing the testimony only for the limited purpose of
- 10 his work on this deal, not whether this is the word as
- 11 to all deals and all Niaspan pricing in Europe or the
- 12 United States.
- Go ahead.
- MS. BOKAT: May the court reporter read back
- the last question, please?
- 16 (The record was read as follows:)
- 17 "QUESTION: Why did you analyze the price in
- 18 Europe?"
- MR. CURRAN: Your Honor, not to belabor this,
- 20 but I believe in responding to that last objection, Ms.
- 21 Bokat said that this gentleman personally analyzed the
- 22 pricing issues in Europe. If that was a basis for Your
- 23 Honor's ruling on that, I'd like some voir dire on that
- 24 point.
- 25 MS. BOKAT: He's already testified earlier in

- 1 the day that he's had several years of business
- 2 dealings with licenses throughout the world.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'll overrule that. That
- 4 wasn't the basis of my ruling. I understand that this
- 5 man is pretty high up in his company and that if he's
- 6 running the project, he's going to be looking at a lot
- 7 of things. He's going to be reviewing a lot of things.
- 8 And as I said, this testimony, this information is
- 9 limited to deal by deal only. These aren't expert
- 10 opinions.
- 11 MR. CURRAN: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 12 JUDGE CHAPPELL: If he tries to tell me about
- analyzing this stuff, I'm not accepting that as expert
- opinion, but you have the right to attack that on
- 15 cross, Mr. Curran.
- MR. CURRAN: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 17 BY MS. BOKAT:
- Q. Mr. Egan, did Searle and Kos ever get to the
- 19 stage of discussing compensation for a license from Kos
- 20 on Niaspan?
- 21 A. There were beginning conversations about what
- 22 the outlines of a collaboration might look like. There
- 23 was a first cut of where their position might be and
- 24 where our position might be.
- 25 Q. What was their position as represented to you?

- 1 A. Well, it changed, as positions do over the
- 2 course of discussions. The licensing person was
- 3 relatively accommodating and wanted to keep the
- 4 discussions going forward, and when it came to hard
- issues, he tended to become more spongey. From our
- 6 position, we had always maintained that we wanted a
- 7 deal where the other party would only get paid if we
- 8 got paid.
- 9 In other words, if -- only if we had money or
- 10 an immediate prospect of money would we want to do a
- deal with them, because we felt we were going to be
- 12 putting the lion's share of the effort into it and
- conferring more value really at a certain level than
- 14 they might.
- On their side, there was a desire for some kind
- of an up-front payment or something else like that and
- 17 probably a larger split of the revenues in a
- 18 co-promotion than we would think would be equitable.
- 19 Q. Did they -- did Kos ever mention an amount of
- 20 up-front payment they were looking for?
- 21 A. I think they were talking -- you know, the
- licensing guy, Patel, was talking, you know, in a
- 23 modest range, what he would describe as maybe \$5 to \$10
- 24 million, but we had a subsequent conversation in New
- 25 York, I think it was with the CEO, Mr. Bell, and he was

- 1 suggesting that a \$5 to \$10 million payment would be
- 2 embarrassing to them somehow, but -- he was talking in
- 3 bigger ranges, but it was pretty clear at that point
- 4 that we weren't going to make the effort to close the
- 5 gap with them.
- Q. Did Searle believe that Niaspan presented the
- 7 immediate prospect of money for Searle?
- 8 A. Sure, you could have made some money on
- 9 Niaspan, but the question is whether you could have
- 10 made money doing something else -- more money doing
- 11 something else. I think it was possible, yes, for us
- 12 to make some money on Niaspan, but basically it was a
- vehicle for developing a cardiovascular sales force.
- 14 It wasn't in and of itself a particularly attractive
- 15 product opportunity.
- Q. Did Kos make -- I'm sorry, did Searle make a
- 17 decision with respect to licensing the Niaspan product
- 18 from Kos?
- 19 A. We did.
- O. What was Searle's decision?
- 21 A. We decided not to pursue it.
- O. Who made that decision?
- 23 A. That was made by the licensing team, but
- 24 primarily between myself and Kevin McCollough.
- 25 Q. What were your personal reasons for not wanting

- 1 to go ahead with the license?
- 2 A. We made the determination that the likelihood
- 3 of us reaching a deal whereby we would recover the
- 4 productivity of our sales force for this product was
- 5 low, because the detailing of the product would have
- 6 been particularly intense and expensive; the price for
- 7 the product could have been relatively modest; and we
- 8 had other products in the mix that we could put in the
- 9 hands of the sales force and -- frankly, in the
- 10 anti-inflammatory area, a different franchise, that we
- 11 could have done better on strategically.
- 12 So, the determination was that the product in
- and of itself didn't have a whole lot of promise. The
- 14 cardiovascular franchise, we looked for a different
- product with more promise as a bridge product, and that
- 16 we would not do an intensive detail product that had
- 17 very little prospect of building long-term value and
- 18 even a long-term bridge into the fiban field.
- 19 MS. BOKAT: Your Honor, may I approach the
- witness to hand him an exhibit, please?
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Yes, you may.
- MS. BOKAT: This is CX 524, which has not been
- 23 admitted into evidence yet. We've checked our records,
- 24 and we find no evidence that in camera status has been
- 25 sought for this document.

1 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Do you plan on offering this

- 2 exhibit?
- 3 MS. BOKAT: Yes, I do.
- 4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Have you asked the other
- 5 parties if they are going to object to it?
- 6 MS. BOKAT: No, this was a document that we
- 7 didn't offer back at the beginning of the trial because
- 8 it's a third-party document. It came to us from
- 9 Pharmacia's files. So, we were going to offer it
- 10 through a live witness. I notified counsel of my
- 11 intention to use this exhibit with this witness.
- 12 MS. SHORES: We have no objection to this
- document, Your Honor, from Schering.
- MR. CURRAN: Likewise, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Thank you, I just wanted to
- 16 save us some time.
- Do you want to offer it now, Ms. Bokat?
- MS. BOKAT: Yes, Your Honor, I'm sorry, I
- 19 should have listened to the softball you threw at me.
- 20 Yes, I would like to please offer in evidence CX 524.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: CX 524 is admitted.
- 22 (Commission Exhibit Number 524 was admitted
- 23 into evidence.)
- MS. BOKAT: May I nonetheless hand a copy of
- 25 the exhibit to the witness?

1 JUDGE CHAPPELL: It's in evidence. You can do

- 2 anything you want with it, Ms. Bokat.
- 3 MS. BOKAT: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Thank you very much.
- 5 MS. BOKAT: You're welcome.
- I believe it's up on the screen. Would you
- 7 like a hard copy, Your Honor?
- 8 JUDGE CHAPPELL: That will be fine if it's on
- 9 the screen, thank you.
- MS. BOKAT: Okay.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Are you going to zoom in on
- 12 that so the spectators can read it, Ms. Bokat?
- MS. BOKAT: With Ms. Hertzman's assistance, I
- 14 will do that. I wasn't going to put it on the ELMO. I
- was going to rely on the computer.
- 16 JUDGE CHAPPELL: That will be fine.
- 17 MS. BOKAT: And you can call up individual
- 18 pages, can you not?
- 19 MS. HERTZMAN: And if you instruct me on which
- 20 part of the document you want blown up, I will be happy
- 21 to do that.
- MS. BOKAT: Excellent, thank you.
- BY MS. BOKAT:
- Q. Could we turn, please, to the page that bears
- 25 the Bates number 0000038. Those numbers, Mr. Egan, are

- in the lower right-hand corner of the page.
- 2 A. Okay.
- Q. And I'm going to focus for the purposes of the
- 4 computer on the e-mail in the center of that page.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Ms. Bokat, this is a Pharmacia
- document. You've confirmed it's not in camera?
- 7 MS. BOKAT: Yes.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay, go ahead.
- 9 BY MS. BOKAT:
- 10 Q. Mr. Egan, is that an e-mail from Peter Corr to
- 11 you?
- 12 A. It appears to be, yes.
- 13 Q. There's a reference to the CV Central Team.
- 14 What was the CV Central Team?
- 15 A. The CV Central Team was a regular, ongoing
- 16 communication group that developed the
- 17 cardiovascular -- it stands for CV planning and
- 18 execution team. It planned the development for the
- 19 ongoing products in the pipeline, planned the licensing
- strategy, and it planned the commercialization
- 21 strategy. So, discovery, clinical trial and
- development, licensing, commercial planning, all of
- 23 that was included in that Cardiovascular Central Team.
- 24 All the disciplines that went into that, we had maybe
- 30 people attend the CV Central Team meeting. They are

- 1 all represented.
- Q. Did the CV Central Team have any role in
- 3 examining Kos' Niaspan?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. What role did the CV Central Team play?
- A. I presented the opportunity to the entire CV
- 7 Central Team because we got advanced in discussions
- 8 with them.
- 9 O. There's a reference in that e-mail to financial
- 10 models. Did Searle run any financial models for
- 11 Niaspan?
- 12 A. I believe there were some preliminary models
- that were done, yes.
- Q. Do you know what models were done?
- 15 A. I think this one refers to Carolyn. Carolyn
- 16 Kong in the therapeutic franchise team, which is the
- 17 group that tries to do the internal financial
- 18 projections for productivity, did a model here that
- 19 would have projected what the sales might be for a
- 20 Niaspan-type product.
- Q. Was any patent assessment done on Niaspan?
- 22 A. There was, but it -- yeah, there was a patent
- assessment.
- Q. Do you know who did the patent assessment?
- 25 A. I believe Roger Williams, who is the chief

- 1 patent counsel, probably put -- I'm forgetting the
- 2 lady's name. There's a lady from Searle in Skokie that
- 3 did the evaluation. It's a Polish name, but I'm sorry,
- 4 I just don't remember it right now.
- 5 Q. Did she work in Searle's legal department?
- 6 A. Yeah, she was a patent lawyer.
- 7 Q. Would you look, please, at the first page of
- 8 CX 524, and for the purposes of the computer blow-up,
- 9 I'm going to be focusing first on the third paragraph.
- This is an e-mail from you, is it not, Mr.
- 11 Egan?
- 12 A. It appears to be, yes.
- 13 Q. The last sentence of the third paragraph reads,
- "The product profile, however, does not suggest that
- 15 the investment bankers were particularly rigorous in
- 16 their analysis or concerned about their credibility
- when they made their projections."
- 18 What investment bankers were you referring to
- 19 there?
- 20 A. The people who took Kos public.
- Q. What did you mean by your reference to the
- 22 rigor of their analysis?
- 23 A. I'm basically saying in so many words there
- 24 that there was a shoddy analysis, and they didn't care
- 25 what people believed of their credibility later on.

- 1 They just did something to support a public offering to
- 2 get a particular price out of a stock and that anybody
- 3 in the industry who looked at it closely would assume
- 4 that that was an overblown estimate.
- 5 MS. SHORES: Objection, move to strike. That's
- 6 clearly speculation, Your Honor.
- 7 MR. CURRAN: Likewise, Your Honor, and lacks
- 8 foundation.
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Any response?
- MS. BOKAT: Your Honor, this is a product this
- 11 gentleman and his team looked at as well in terms of
- 12 the value.
- MS. SHORES: Nobody's questioning whether this
- is a product that they looked at. I'm questioning this
- witness' ability to speculate about what the investment
- 16 bankers were thinking.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'll sustain that as far as
- 18 what someone else was thinking. The document is in
- 19 evidence, so it says what it says, and he can tell us
- 20 if he has personal knowledge, but I don't think he knew
- 21 about the bankers. I'll disregard that portion of the
- 22 answer.
- MS. BOKAT: Thank you, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: I believe you also objected on
- 25 foundation. I think my ruling covers that, because

1 whatever the brokers or bankers were doing, I think we

- 2 understand he wasn't qualified to tell us that.
- 3 MS. SHORES: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 4 BY MS. BOKAT:
- 5 Q. Mr. Egan, did Searle perform any estimates of
- 6 what it expected Niaspan's sales to be in the United
- 7 States?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. What were the results of that analysis?
- 10 A. I believe it's stated elsewhere in this
- 11 document. Our -- yeah, on the second page, our
- 12 projections fall more in the range of \$10 to \$30
- million first year, largely from converting existing 14
- 14 million scrip niacin, so with peak sales somewhat lower
- than \$100 million. I think the estimates that we had
- 16 were more in the range of like \$30 to \$50 million peak.
- 17 Q. Did Searle perform any estimates of potential
- 18 sales of Niaspan in Europe?
- 19 A. I think they also looked at Europe as well.
- Q. Do you recall what the results were of
- 21 analyzing it in Europe?
- 22 A. Right, well, they determined in Europe that,
- again, sales would be difficult and may not be worth
- 24 the sales effort because the price registration would
- 25 have been very low, and the detail effort to get people

- 1 to take the product would have been relatively high.
- 2 So, I think the sales there were even -- even lower
- 3 than that.
- 4 Q. Did Searle perform a scientific analysis of
- 5 Niaspan?
- A. Sure, we had people look at Niaspan,
- 7 scientists.
- 8 Q. Did those scientists report their results to
- 9 you?
- 10 A. They did.
- 11 Q. What was your perception of the science of
- 12 Niaspan?
- MS. SHORES: Objection, hearsay. She's clearly
- 14 trying to get it in through the back door.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Also, sir, when you see an
- 16 attorney stand to object, you need to refrain from
- 17 answering, okay?
- 18 THE WITNESS: Certainly.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Any response?
- 20 MS. BOKAT: Yes. I'm asking for his
- 21 perception. He's the gentleman in charge of licensing,
- and I want to know what he thought about the product.
- 23 MS. SHORES: Your Honor, based on her earlier
- 24 questions, it's clear that what he thought was based on
- 25 what the scientists reported to him. If it's not, then

- 1 I don't object to the question.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'll allow him to testify as
- 3 to what he knew regarding this issue if it went into
- 4 his decision making. If it's for that limited purpose
- 5 only, I'll allow it. So, your objection is sustained
- 6 in part and overruled in part.
- 7 MS. SHORES: Thank you, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Do you need Susanne to read
- 9 back the question?
- 10 MS. BOKAT: That would be helpful, Your Honor,
- 11 thank you.
- 12 (The record was read as follows:)
- "QUESTION: What was your perception of the
- 14 science of Niaspan?"
- 15 THE WITNESS: My perception of the science of
- 16 Niaspan was that it would improve compliance on niacin
- 17 therapy versus other niacin dosage regimens, but -- and
- that improved compliance would have given it commercial
- 19 promise, some commercial promise.
- 20 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Ms. Bokat, why don't we take a
- 21 short recess, ten minutes. We'll recess until 1:30.
- 22 (A brief recess was taken.)
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Ms. Bokat, you may proceed.
- MS. BOKAT: Thank you, Your Honor.
- BY MS. BOKAT:

1 Q. I think right before the break we were talking

- 2 about the analysis of Niaspan, and you mentioned it
- 3 would improve compliance. Would you explain what you
- 4 meant by that, please?
- 5 A. From a commercial perspective, one of the
- 6 biggest problems with niacin was that people have a bad
- 7 experience with it, a side effect or a toxic experience
- 8 with it, and based upon that, they don't take it
- 9 anymore, and if they don't take it anymore, you can't
- 10 sell them anymore. That was the concern.
- Niacin has a side effect profile that's in its
- 12 label, it's known, and you can develop tolerance to it,
- and the people at Kos had come up with a program of
- 14 getting people to take relatively low doses to
- establish tolerance first and then have larger doses so
- 16 that you can -- a higher dose so you could get better
- 17 effect and yet not have the immediate side effects
- which would discourage them from further use.
- 19 Q. Did Kos' Niaspan have a profile with respect to
- 20 this patient compliance?
- 21 A. Sure, they said that people, based upon their
- 22 projections, not only got on it more freely but stayed
- on it longer and better than people who took just
- straight, you know, immediate release, high dose
- 25 niacin.

1 MS. BOKAT: Your Honor, may I approach the

- 2 witness to hand him a document?
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Yes, you may.
- 4 MS. BOKAT: Let me just as a preface say this
- 5 is CX 526. It has not yet been offered in evidence.
- 6 We have checked our records, and we find no request for
- 7 in camera status from Pharmacia with respect to this
- 8 document.
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Have you provided this
- document to the opposing counsel?
- 11 MS. BOKAT: They got this exhibit along with
- 12 all our other exhibits back before the trial, and I
- 13 notified them several days ago that I would be using
- 14 this document with this witness.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Do you intend to offer it into
- 16 evidence?
- MS. BOKAT: I do, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Any objection?
- 19 MS. SHORES: Lots.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay. Basis?
- MS. SHORES: Actually, I think it would be
- 22 helpful if I could voir dire the witness on this
- document once he's had a chance to look at it.
- MS. BOKAT: And maybe --
- 25 MS. SHORES: The basis will be authenticity

- 1 among other things.
- 2 MS. BOKAT: I might be able to short-circuit
- 3 some of that. This is -- could I distribute the copies
- 4 so that everybody can see what I'm talking about?
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead.
- 6 MS. BOKAT: Maybe at this time I would presume
- 7 to hand you a paper copy, because there are several
- 8 pages, and it may be hard to get a sense from flipping
- 9 them on the computer screen of what Ms. Shores and I
- 10 are talking about, with the Court's permission.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right.
- 12 MS. BOKAT: Thank you. Your Honor, this
- exhibit consists of a cover memo to Mr. Egan from Mary
- 14 Schwab and an attached report that I believe was
- prepared by an outside consultant. I am not offering
- 16 the attached consultant report for the truth of the
- 17 contents of that report but just that Searle received
- it, but I propose to offer the one-page cover memo for
- 19 all purposes.
- 20 MS. SHORES: Your Honor, my objection to the
- 21 enclosure -- I don't have an objection to the cover
- 22 memo. I do have an objection to the enclosure, not
- just on hearsay grounds, but also on authenticity
- 24 grounds. Again, if I might be permitted to question
- 25 the witness about it, I think I can make my point

- 1 clear, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: What about you, Mr. Curran?
- 3 MR. CURRAN: Your Honor, I join in Ms. Shores'
- 4 objection, and I add one. If this attachment is not
- 5 being offered for the truth of the matter, what is it
- 6 rebutting from respondents' case?
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Ms. Bokat?
- 8 MS. BOKAT: The document is about Searle's
- 9 examination of the Kos Niaspan opportunity in Europe.
- 10 Europe is the same area for Niaspan that Schering was
- 11 considering.
- 12 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Mr. Curran, are you talking
- about the attachment or the cover letter?
- MR. CURRAN: I'm talking about the attachment,
- 15 Your Honor.
- MS. SHORES: Your Honor, my objection goes to
- 17 authenticity under Federal Rule of Evidence 901. This
- is a survey. There are specific rules for the
- 19 admissibility of surveys, and again, if I might be
- 20 permitted some voir dire, I believe I can make the
- 21 point clearer.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead.
- MS. SHORES: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 24 VOIR DIRE EXAMINATION
- BY MS. SHORES:

- 1 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Egan.
- 2 A. Good afternoon.
- 3 Q. Mr. Egan, the cover page of this document
- 4 indicates it was forwarded to you by Mary Schwab. Is
- 5 that correct?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. And she forwarded that to you, according to the
- 8 cover page, in March of 1998. Is that correct?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. Do you recall seeing this document in 1998?
- 11 A. I believe I do.
- 12 Q. And when did you see this document?
- 13 A. It would have been sometime after or on March
- 14 4th.
- 15 O. Sir --
- 16 A. To the best of my recollection.
- 17 Q. Thank you.
- Did you say you had no recollection?
- 19 A. To the best of my recollection.
- Q. To the best of your recollection, thank you,
- 21 just checking.
- Sir, in early 1998, where were you employed?
- 23 A. I was employed at Searle.
- Q. And that was in Chicago. Is that right?
- 25 A. Skokie, Illinois.

- 1 Q. Skokie, Illinois, outside of Chicago?
- 2 A. In the vicinity, yes.
- 3 Q. And by whom was Mary Schwab --
- 4 MR. CURRAN: Pardon me, Your Honor, we can't
- 5 hear the witness over here.
- THE WITNESS: In the vicinity, yes.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Mr. Egan, pull that microphone
- 8 around, it will twist around there. If you want to
- 9 kick back with your legs crossed, that's okay, but
- 10 we've got to hear you.
- 11 THE WITNESS: In the vicinity, yes.
- 12 JUDGE CHAPPELL: That's the first time we've
- 13 had the microphone up there.
- MS. SHORES: That solves a lot of problems, I
- 15 can't believe we didn't think of it.
- 16 BY MS. SHORES:
- 17 Q. And sir, by whom was Mary Schwab employed in
- 18 March of 1998?
- 19 A. G. D. Searle.
- 20 O. Excuse me?
- 21 A. G. D. Searle.
- Q. G. D. Searle. Sir, do you know the name of the
- company that conducted the interviews that are reported
- in this document?
- 25 And first, let me ask you without looking at

1 it, do you independently recall the name of the

- 2 company?
- 3 A. No, I do not.
- 4 Q. And if you look at the document, it indicates
- 5 that it was prepared by an outfit called Cox Marketing.
- 6 Is that right?
- 7 A. That's correct.
- Q. And it indicates that it was prepared in
- 9 January of 1998. Is that correct?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 Q. You were not employed by Cox Marketing in
- January of 1998, were you?
- 13 A. Not to the best of my knowledge.
- 14 Q. Well --
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. -- certainly you weren't, all right.
- 17 And Mary Schwab was not employed by Cox
- 18 Marketing in January 1998, was she?
- 19 A. No, she was not, to my knowledge.
- 20 Q. Sir, you were not involved in conducting the
- 21 interviews that are reported in this document, were
- 22 you?
- A. No, I was not.
- Q. And you weren't involved in selecting which
- 25 health care professionals were questioned?

- 1 A. No, I was not.
- 2 Q. And you weren't involved in formulating the
- 3 specific questions that were put to those
- 4 professionals, were you?
- 5 A. No, I was not.
- Q. And you weren't involved in deciding what
- 7 information would be provided to the interviewees, were
- 8 you?
- 9 A. May I look at the report --
- 10 Q. Certainly.
- 11 A. -- in order to be able to give an answer to
- 12 that?
- 13 Me specifically and directly, perhaps not, but
- indirectly, through the deliberations of the
- 15 Cardiovascular Central Team, perhaps some of those
- 16 directions that ended up in here might have been, you
- 17 know, part of my concerns expressed to them. I don't
- 18 know.
- 19 Q. Well, can you actually tell from this document,
- 20 sir, what the information was that was provided to the
- 21 interviewees? I might refer your attention on the --
- in the table of contents, there's a reference to
- 23 Appendix 1. Do you see that?
- A. Discussion Guide for Hyperlipidemia?
- Q. Right.

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Is it likely that that would contain what
- 3 information was provided to the interviewees?
- A. If that's what it says that the method was and
- 5 that was the method followed, yes, that included the
- 6 niacin product profile.
- 7 Q. And can you find Appendix 1 anywhere in this
- 8 document, sir?
- 9 A. In that this is an executive summary or is
- 10 stamped as an executive summary in certain parts, it
- 11 doesn't -- it's perhaps not complete, and it does not
- seem to have an appendix at the end.
- Q. So, we can't tell exactly what information was
- provided to the interviewees. Isn't that right?
- 15 A. From this copy of the report, in that we do not
- 16 have the appendix attached to it, we do not have
- 17 knowledge from this particular report copy of what was
- in Appendix 1; however, if you had the full report with
- 19 appendices, I assume you would, yes.
- 20 Q. Right, and that's also true for Appendix 2. Is
- 21 that correct?
- 22 A. I believe it applies to all appendices.
- Q. And Appendix 2, just for the record, is Niacin
- 24 Product Profile?
- 25 A. That's correct.

1 Q. That's what that indicates, and we don't know

- 2 without having Appendix 2 what information was
- 3 contained in the niacin product profile that was used
- 4 in the survey, correct?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 Q. Now, Mr. Egan, you were not involved in
- 7 drafting this summary of the responses that were
- 8 provided by the interviewees, were you?
- 9 A. No, I was not.
- 10 Q. Okay. And you weren't involved in developing
- or implementing the process or system used to conduct
- this survey, were you?
- 13 A. This specific survey or surveys in general?
- 14 Q. This specific survey.
- 15 A. On this specific survey, no, but to the extent
- 16 that we did surveys in general, I was involved in the
- 17 group that designed the guidelines generally for
- 18 performing surveys.
- 19 Q. Okay, but with respect to this specific survey,
- 20 you weren't involved in the process or system used to
- 21 design it, right?
- 22 A. Only to the extent that it would reflect the
- general guidelines in which I did participate.
- Q. Okay. Turning your attention back again to the
- 25 table of contents, do you have that?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. There's a reference there to results. Do you
- 3 see that?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And can you tell us, sir, whether the results
- of the survey are included within this document?
- 7 A. In that the table of contents suggests that it
- 8 carries from page 25 onwards of 81 and pages 25 onwards
- 9 to 81 are not here, I would assume it is not in this
- document, although I have not read it in its entirety
- 11 to be able to say affirmatively one way or the other.
- 12 MS. SHORES: Your Honor, I'm through with my
- 13 voir dire. I don't believe this witness -- it's clear
- that he's not qualified to authenticate this document
- as required by Rule 901-B-9 of the Federal Rules.
- 16 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Anything further, Ms. Bokat?
- MS. BOKAT: No, Your Honor -- I mean, nothing
- 18 on --
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay, there is no objection to
- 20 the first page of CX 526. Is that correct?
- MR. CURRAN: Yes, Your Honor.
- MS. SHORES: That's correct, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay, CX 526, the first page,
- is admitted into evidence. The remainder of Exhibit
- 25 526 I am not allowing into evidence. I find lack of

1 foundational basis. I find lack of indicia of

- 2 reliability and authenticity.
- 3 (Commission Exhibit Number 526, as amended, was
- 4 admitted into evidence.)
- 5 BY MS. BOKAT:
- Q. Did Kos decline the Niaspan license opportunity
- 7 in Europe?
- 8 A. Did Kos decline?
- 9 Q. I'm sorry, I meant Searle. Did Searle --
- 10 A. Searle declined the Kos licensing opportunity
- in Europe, yes.
- 12 Q. Did Searle ever make a response to Kos about
- whether or not it wanted to pursue the Niaspan license?
- 14 A. I think we indicated to Mr. Patel and after the
- meeting with Mr. Bell and also at the meeting with Mr.
- 16 Bell indicated by nonresponsiveness, in other words,
- 17 nonengagement in active discussions that we were not
- 18 going to pursue it.
- 19 Q. Approximately when did that occur?
- MS. SHORES: Objection, the nonresponsiveness?
- BY MS. BOKAT:
- 22 O. You referred --
- 23 JUDGE CHAPPELL: To the previous question?
- MS. SHORES: Well, I guess I'm objecting to the
- 25 current question as being vaque given the previous

1 answer. I think he said that they indicated their lack

- of interest by nonresponsiveness, and then she asked
- 3 when did that occur.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'll allow the first answer,
- 5 because he does get to a response at the end of his
- 6 answer, but I will sustain the objection for vagueness.
- 7 You'll need to rephrase the question, Ms. Bokat.
- BY MS. BOKAT:
- 9 Q. Mr. Egan, was it at a meeting between Searle
- 10 and Kos that Searle indicated you weren't going to go
- 11 forward with a licensing opportunity?
- 12 A. We had a discussion at a meeting with I believe
- 13 his name was Bell, who was the CEO of Kos, at which he
- indicated that we had to come to closure and gave bold
- outlines of what he thought a deal would be. We
- declined to pursue that, thanked him for the meeting,
- 17 and indicated, you know, that we were moving on.
- 18 At a subsequent communication with Mr. Patel,
- 19 they called back and said, well, gee, when are you
- 20 going to respond? And I said to Mr. Patel, we didn't
- 21 want to be as blunt as that, but frankly, we are not
- 22 going to pursue the opportunity further.
- 23 Even after that, Mr. Patel called on a couple
- of occasions seeing if he could re-ignite our interest,
- and we consistently over time said no, thank you.

- 1 Q. When did that meeting with Mr. Bell occur?
- 2 A. It was early in '98 or to the end of '97, to my
- 3 recollection. It was in New York.
- Q. Did you personally make any comparison in your
- 5 mind of Niacor-SR and Niaspan?
- 6 MS. SHORES: Objection, beyond the scope of
- 7 proper rebuttal as to Schering, unless he's talking
- 8 about a comparison between the strategic fit that each
- 9 of those two products would have offered.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Do you want to rephrase?
- MS. BOKAT: Well, it's also rebuttal to Dr.
- 12 Kerr's testimony that was not limited to strategic fit.
- MS. SHORES: Well, on that ground, I object on
- 14 the grounds of this fact witness is not an expert.
- MR. CURRAN: Likewise, Your Honor.
- 16 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'll sustain the objection.
- 17 He can tell us about strategic fit. So, you need to
- 18 re-ask it.
- 19 BY MS. BOKAT:
- 20 Q. Did you compare Niacor and Niaspan in terms of
- 21 strategic fit?
- 22 A. For our company, for a strategic fit, I
- 23 compared them, yes.
- Q. What was the result of your comparison?
- 25 A. We did not think that Niacor was a strategic

1 fit at all, and Niaspan we thought might be a strategic

- 2 fit under the right commercial conditions.
- 3 Q. What would -- what were the right commercial
- 4 conditions?
- 5 A. If we could enter into a deal where we could
- 6 support the sales force to build the sales force to get
- 7 ready for the fibans, where we had realistic
- 8 expectations of profitable operations and detailing
- 9 that was consistent with our growth needs, not with the
- 10 expectations of the people at Kos.
- 11 Q. I'd like to go back, if I could, for a brief
- 12 minute to the discussions between Searle and
- 13 Upsher-Smith. After the meeting that you had with
- 14 Upsher-Smith, how much time elapsed before you
- determined that you were not interested in a license
- 16 for Niacor-SR?
- 17 A. About 20 minutes.
- 18 Q. Did the slides that Upsher-Smith presented to
- 19 Searle play any role in your personal decision about
- whether to proceed with a license on Niacor-SR?
- 21 A. As I stated before, based upon my confirming of
- 22 the slides and Jim Stolzenbach, and I believe it was
- 23 Jim Stolzenbach's opinion, his walking me through the
- 24 slides and what it meant, yes, they did play a role.
- 25 Q. What was your perception of what those slides

- 1 meant?
- MS. SHORES: Objection, calls for hearsay if
- 3 he's going to relay what Mr. Stolzenbach's opinion was.
- 4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Are these slides in evidence
- 5 already?
- 6 MS. BOKAT: Yes, Your Honor, they are in USX
- 7 538 that we discussed earlier in the day, and they had
- 8 been previously admitted as an Upsher-Smith exhibit.
- 9 MR. CURRAN: But, Your Honor, his perceptions
- 10 are a lay opinion.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: And I think the objection was
- 12 premature, Ms. Shores. I think she asked this witness
- about his perception, right?
- 14 MS. SHORES: It's not the first time, Your
- Honor, that I've been premature. I'll wait for another
- 16 question.
- 17 JUDGE CHAPPELL: So, I'll sustain the -- was
- 18 that an objection, Mr. Curran, or a comment? What --
- MR. CURRAN: I was fully intending to make an
- 20 objection, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay, let's tweak it a little
- 22 bit, then.
- MR. CURRAN: Your Honor, the question calls for
- this lay witness' perception of highly technical
- 25 clinical data in a report. He's already testified on

1 voir dire that it's beyond his competence to personally

- 2 analyze this stuff. Therefore, his perception is not
- 3 authorized under Rule 701 and is not relevant to this
- 4 proceeding.
- 5 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'll overrule that as far as
- 6 his perception as far as when it entered into his
- 7 decision making, but his perception as far as it tries
- 8 to get an expert opinion in will not be allowed.
- 9 MR. CURRAN: Thank you, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead.
- Do you need the reporter to read it back?
- MS. BOKAT: Yes, please.
- 13 (The record was read as follows:)
- "QUESTION: What was your perception of what
- those slides meant?"
- 16 THE WITNESS: My perception was that there was
- 17 increased toxicity risk with this dosage form compared
- 18 to immediate release dosages for niacin.
- MS. BOKAT: Your Honor, I would like to go back
- 20 to a question I posed earlier. It's a question about
- 21 whether Mr. Egan believed Niacor-SR would be approved.
- 22 Earlier, there was an objection that he shouldn't be
- 23 allowed to testify about whether Niacor-SR was
- 24 approvable, but Mr. Audibert and Mr. Lauda, both of
- 25 whom were fact witnesses, testified that they assumed

- 1 Niacor-SR would be approved.
- 2 So, if this fact witness is not to be permitted
- 3 to answer the question, I think the testimony of Mr.
- 4 Audibert and Mr. Lauda should be struck.
- 5 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I think the respondents have
- on the record agreed that they haven't attempted to
- 7 offer that opinion into evidence. Is that correct, Ms.
- 8 Shores?
- 9 MS. SHORES: That's correct, Your Honor.
- 10 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Mr. Curran, or is it Mr.
- 11 Gidley or --
- MR. CURRAN: Well, I think I can speak on that,
- and that is correct, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: With that, there's no harm,
- then, Ms. Bokat. Is that right?
- 16 MS. BOKAT: But they offered fact witness
- 17 testimony to that point, and I just wanted to put the
- 18 similar question to this fact witness.
- 19 MS. SHORES: Your Honor, I think we had
- 20 stipulated that we're not offering expert testimony on
- 21 approvability. Ms. Bokat may have a point with respect
- 22 to fact -- fact witness testimony, and to that extent,
- I will not on behalf of Schering object to Mr. Egan's
- 24 testimony in that regard. If he's offering expert
- 25 testimony, I do have an objection.

1 MR. CURRAN: That's correct, Your Honor. We

- 2 withdrew experts Knopp and Keenan. Your Honor ruled
- 3 that expert Pitt couldn't testify, and that obviated
- 4 the appearance of expert Davidson.
- 5 JUDGE CHAPPELL: So, I think after all that --
- 6 MS. SHORES: Your Honor, again -- excuse me, I
- 7 think I misstated something, and let me just clear it
- 8 up.
- 9 As to this particular witness, as established
- 10 through Mr. Curran's voir dire, I don't believe he has
- 11 the competence or scientific background to even offer
- 12 an opinion on approvability or -- as a fact witness.
- 13 Mr. Audibert, I submit, stands in a different footing.
- 14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: So then, after all that, what
- we come down to is does he believe it would be approved
- 16 for what that's worth, since he's not an expert in that
- 17 area, and since we have some fact witness testimony on
- that, you can ask him if he believed it would be
- 19 approved. I would rather know if whether the
- 20 approvability went into his decision making, but go
- 21 ahead.
- BY MS. BOKAT:
- Q. Did the approvability of Niacor-SR go -- play a
- 24 role in your decision with respect to pursuing a
- 25 license on Niacor-SR?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. What role did it play?
- 3 A. It was central. If the product wasn't seen as
- 4 potentially approvable, we had no interest in it.
- 5 Q. Did you think Niacor-SR was potentially
- 6 approvable?
- 7 A. No.
- MS. BOKAT: Could I have one minute, please,
- 9 Your Honor, to confer with my colleagues and then wrap
- 10 this up?
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Yes, you may.
- MS. BOKAT: Thank you.
- 13 (Counsel conferring.)
- MS. BOKAT: I have no further direct
- 15 examination, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Cross exam?
- 17 MR. CURRAN: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 18 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 19 BY MR. CURRAN:
- Q. Mr. Egan, now, during your tenure at Searle,
- 21 the company received unsolicited licensing
- 22 opportunities in large numbers on a day-to-day basis,
- 23 correct?
- 24 A. That's right.
- Q. In fact, you testified on direct that you

1 received literally hundreds of such opportunities a

- 2 year, correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
- Q. You said there were 30, 40 or 50 a month,
- 5 right?
- 6 A. Some months, yes.
- 7 Q. Pardon?
- 8 A. Some months, yes.
- 9 Q. And you and your colleagues served as a screen,
- 10 correct?
- 11 A. We did.
- 12 Q. You said to winnow out the vast majority of
- these licensing opportunities, correct?
- 14 A. Correct.
- Q. Because you didn't want executives at Searle to
- use up valuable time, correct?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Now, sir, because of that screen function, the
- 19 majority -- the vast majority of licensing
- 20 opportunities that were presented to Searle were not
- 21 given much of a response, correct?
- 22 A. I don't understand what you mean by "much of a
- 23 response."
- Q. Well, most of the -- most of the licensing
- 25 opportunities presented to Searle didn't make the cut

- 1 even to have much of a response, correct?
- 2 A. Again, I don't know what you mean by "much of a
- 3 response." What do you mean?
- 4 Q. Much of a response from Searle to the person
- 5 proposing the licensing opportunity.
- 6 MS. BOKAT: Objection, vague.
- 7 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I think we've established
- 8 that. That's sustained. He doesn't understand your
- 9 question, Mr. Curran.
- 10 BY MR. CURRAN:
- 11 Q. Let me see if I can -- if I can help the
- 12 witness here.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Are you going to try to fly
- that ELMO on your own?
- MR. CURRAN: I don't know, Your Honor.
- BY MR. CURRAN:
- 17 Q. Sir -- I can fly this, Your Honor -- sir, at
- 18 your deposition you testified that, "most of the
- 19 licensing opportunities didn't make the cut even to
- 20 have much of a response," correct?
- 21 A. Right, in terms of much of a response in that
- 22 context. The response might have been a simple no
- interest, no, thank you, not a reason for no, thank
- you, but simply no, thank you.
- 25 Q. Very good, thank you. And again, that was for

1 the vast majority of licensing opportunities, correct?

- 2 A. Of unsolicited licensing opportunities, that
- 3 was the majority, yes.
- Q. Out of the hundreds you received a year, the
- 5 vast majority --
- 6 A. Correct, absolutely.
- 7 Q. -- get a thanks, but no thanks?
- 8 A. Exactly.
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Hang on, sir, one at a time.
- 10 This lady's trying to take a record. You're both
- 11 talking at the same time.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Oh, pardon me.
- MR. CURRAN: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Whether it's you or Mr.
- 15 Curran, just one at a time, please.
- MR. CURRAN: Understood.
- 17 THE REPORTER: Thank you.
- BY MR. CURRAN:
- 19 Q. Now, sir, if a licensing opportunity was worthy
- of a response, you would usually ask for
- 21 nonconfidential information first, correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And then a nonconfidential meeting, correct?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. And then, if you thought the opportunity worthy

- of additional analysis, you would suggest a
- 2 confidential agreement and a full analysis, correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Now, sir, you were not involved in the
- 5 initiation of the discussions between Upsher-Smith and
- 6 Searle, correct?
- 7 A. No, I don't think so.
- Q. That was Mary Schwab and her group, right?
- 9 A. That's my recollection.
- 10 Q. They became aware of the licensing -- of the
- 11 Niacor-SR opportunity and invited Upsher-Smith to meet,
- 12 correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. So, Upsher-Smith and Niacor-SR made it through
- the initial screening process, right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. It was deemed worthy, correct?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And sir, Mary Schwab and her colleagues invited
- 20 Upsher-Smith in for a confidential discussion, correct?
- 21 A. I believe so.
- 22 Q. They skipped right over the nonconfidential
- 23 stage, correct?
- A. I don't know that.
- Q. Now, sir, you testified on direct that you

1 believed that there was a confidentiality agreement

- 2 executed between Upsher-Smith --
- 3 A. I think that was --
- 4 Q. -- and Schering-Plough, correct?
- 5 A. -- I think that was the case, right.
- 6 Q. And you're aware --
- 7 A. Wait a minute, Upsher-Smith and Schering-Plough
- 8 or Upsher-Smith and Searle?
- 9 Q. Very good, let me clarify.
- 10 Sir, you testified on direct that you believed
- 11 there was a confidentiality agreement between
- 12 Upsher-Smith and Searle, correct?
- 13 A. I believe so, yes.
- Q. And you're aware of one meeting that took place
- between the companies, correct?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And your understanding was that that meeting
- was subject to a confidentiality agreement, correct?
- 19 A. Yes, that's my current understanding.
- Q. So, necessarily, the meeting that took place,
- 21 the one and only meeting that took place between
- 22 Upsher-Smith and Searle, was a confidential meeting
- that took place without a prior nonconfidential
- 24 meeting.
- 25 A. I don't know that that was the only meeting.

1 It came in through Mary Schwab's group. They may have

- 2 had prior nonconfidential meetings. I do not know.
- 3 Q. Okay. You weren't in the loop on that,
- 4 correct?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- Q. Now, sir, Mary Schwab specialized in Europe,
- 7 right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And her responsibilities were European product
- 10 oriented, correct?
- 11 A. European market oriented, yes, not product but
- 12 market, yes.
- 13 Q. Sir, she tended to be more oriented toward
- 14 product opportunities that were either on the market or
- 15 near market, correct?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. And Niacor-SR was considered near market,
- 18 correct?
- 19 A. Advanced stage of testing, I quess, yes.
- Q. That's near market, correct?
- 21 A. No, advanced stage of testing.
- 22 Q. Sir, in your deposition, you gave the following
- 23 testimony, didn't you:
- 24 "QUESTION: How did you get into discussions
- with Upsher?

1 "ANSWER: I think Mary Schwab was also looking

- 2 at Kos, she was the person who was specialized in
- 3 Europe. My responsibilities were global cardiovascular
- 4 licensing and hers were more European product oriented.
- 5 She tended to be more product oriented towards product
- 6 opportunities that were either on the market which you
- 7 could buy out from somebody else or something that was
- 8 called near market and the Upsher product was
- 9 considered near market."
- 10 A. Where does it say -- right, I would say in
- 11 that --
- 12 Q. Did you give that testimony?
- 13 A. I did.
- Q. And so you testified that the Upsher product
- was considered near market, correct?
- 16 A. Wait, put that back, please.
- 17 Q. I'll give it to you.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Is this monitor not working?
- 19 THE WITNESS: No, he just took it off.
- 20 JUDGE CHAPPELL: How about that one right
- 21 there, sir, right beside you? That might be easier to
- 22 read.
- 23 MR. CURRAN: It would be a lot easier.
- 24 THE WITNESS: I think it was Mary who
- considered the Upsher product near market.

- 1 BY MR. CURRAN:
- Q. Well, my question, the Upsher product was
- 3 considered near market, correct?
- A. I'm sorry, in that setting, yes, it was
- 5 considered near market by Mary, yes.
- Q. And that was your testimony in the deposition,
- 7 correct?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. Now, sir, Mary Schwab was in business
- development reporting to the European desk, correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. You were not her boss, correct?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Her boss was Holly Vene, correct?
- 15 A. Holly Vene, right.
- Q. Vene, is that how you pronounce it?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 O. VENE.
- 19 A. Yes, Holly Vene.
- Q. And Holly Vene was a director for Europe,
- 21 correct?
- 22 A. That's correct.
- Q. She was at a level equivalent to yours,
- 24 correct?
- 25 A. That's right.

1 Q. So, Ms. Schwab set up the meeting, correct?

- 2 A. That's right.
- Q. And the meeting took place on May 28th, 1997,
- 4 correct?
- 5 A. That's what the documents suggest, and that's I
- 6 quess the best of my recollection now.
- 7 Q. And it took place at Searle's offices in
- 8 Skokie, Illinois, right?
- 9 A. Right.
- 10 Q. In fact, you referred to the building and
- 11 the --
- 12 A. Sure.
- Q. What building was that again?
- 14 A. Tower 2.
- 15 Q. Tower 2.
- 16 A. 7th floor.
- 17 O. 7th floor. In a conference room?
- 18 A. Right across from Mary's office, Mary Schwab's
- 19 office.
- Q. And that's right across from the European
- 21 regional offices, correct?
- 22 A. That's correct.
- Q. Sir, Upsher-Smith indicated that they wanted to
- 24 maintain the rights to Niacor-SR in the United States,
- 25 correct?

1 A. That was one of their statements in the

- 2 meeting, that's right.
- 3 Q. And sir, Searle needed a product in the
- 4 hypolipidemia market that would have been a logical
- 5 entry for the sales force, correct?
- 6 A. Hyperlipidemia market, yes.
- 7 Q. Sir, Searle's European sales force needed a
- 8 product to promote to get ready for a IIb/IIIA
- 9 inhibitor that Searle had in development, correct?
- 10 A. Both Europe and the U.S. did, that's correct,
- 11 yes.
- 12 Q. And in order to support the cost of building a
- 13 cardiovascular sales force in Europe, correct?
- 14 A. In Europe and the United States both, that was
- the pretext of the meeting. That's why I was also
- 16 included as a global consideration of the opportunity,
- 17 yes.
- Q. But again, you understood that Upsher-Smith was
- marketing this product for Europe, correct?
- 20 A. Not -- no, you -- Europe it was available.
- 21 Upsher-Smith came in with a presumption that they would
- 22 be marketing it in the United States, as I had
- 23 understood.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. We wanted to market it both in the United

1 States and in Europe in some fashion that would be

- 2 collaborative.
- 3 Q. That's your best recollection of why
- 4 Upsher-Smith was meeting with Searle?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 MR. CURRAN: Your Honor, may I approach?
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Yes, you may.
- 8 MR. CURRAN: Your Honor, I'm handing out a
- 9 document that has not been used in this proceeding yet,
- 10 but I have put a marker on it indicating USX 1634.
- 11 (USX Exhibit Number 1634 was marked for
- 12 identification.)
- 13 BY MR. CURRAN:
- 14 Q. Sir, I'd like to direct your attention to the
- 15 first sentence in this letter. Let me first ask, have
- 16 you seen this letter before?
- 17 A. I don't believe I have.
- Q. You weren't in the loop in connection with this
- 19 letter, correct?
- A. No, I don't think so.
- Q. It's not to you, is it?
- 22 A. It is not to me.
- Q. It's not from you either, is it?
- 24 A. It is not from me.
- 25 Q. And it's not copied to you either, is it?

- 1 A. No, it is not.
- Q. Sir, this is a letter from Mary Schwab to David
- 3 Pettit, correct?
- A. That's what it appears to be, yes.
- 5 Q. Who's David Pettit?
- 6 A. He's apparently at Moreton Marketing Limited in
- 7 Oxfordshire England.
- Q. Do you get that from the document that's in
- 9 front of you?
- 10 A. That's why I said it appears to be, yes.
- 11 Q. Other than what you see right here, what's your
- 12 knowledge as to what Mr. Pettit's profession is?
- 13 A. I have no knowledge.
- Q. But you know -- this is the Mary Schwab we were
- discussing, correct?
- 16 A. I assume it's the Mary Schwab. It's her title
- and around about the time she was in the job, yes.
- Q. And this is Searle letterhead, correct?
- 19 A. It is.
- 20 MR. CURRAN: Your Honor, I move for the
- 21 admission of USX 1634.
- MS. SHORES: No objection, Your Honor.
- MS. BOKAT: No objection.
- 24 BY MR. CURRAN:
- Q. Now, Mr. Egan, do you see the first sentence of

- 1 this letter?
- 2 A. I do.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Mr. Curran, would you like a
- 4 ruling?
- 5 MR. CURRAN: Yes, I'm sorry, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: USX 1634 is admitted.
- 7 (USX Exhibit Number 1634 was admitted into
- 8 evidence.)
- 9 MS. BOKAT: Just one clarification, could we
- 10 get a copy at some point with an exhibit number on it?
- 11 MR. CURRAN: Yes.
- MS. BOKAT: Thank you.
- 13 BY MR. CURRAN:
- Q. Sir, do you see the first sentence of USX 1634?
- 15 A. I do.
- Q. Do you see where it says, "Mr. Keith Quick
- 17 forwarded your letter regarding the Niacor-SR European
- 18 licensing opportunity to my attention"?
- 19 A. That's right.
- Q. Have I read that correctly?
- 21 A. Yes, you have.
- Q. Okay. Now, you said a moment ago your
- 23 understanding was that Upsher-Smith was shopping
- Niacor-SR for the U.S. market principally.
- A. No, no, perhaps I didn't speak correctly,

- 1 perhaps we spoke past each other. I believe that
- 2 Upsher-Smith wanted a partner in Europe. We had a
- 3 priority for a partnership both in Europe and the
- 4 United States. Upsher-Smith's posture going into the
- 5 meeting was that they were not inclined to talk about
- 6 the United States but that they wanted a partner in
- 7 Europe. It was our priority and it was our feeling
- 8 that if the product was attractive, we would try to do
- 9 a deal that would be both Europe and U.S. related,
- 10 because we had a full-scale professional sales force,
- 11 Upsher-Smith was relatively small, and the same
- 12 strategy that we had been thinking about for Kos would
- have applied in the Upsher-Smith setting.
- Q. Good, thank you.
- Now, sir, your recollection of the actual
- meeting with Upsher-Smith is vague, correct?
- 17 A. Aspects of it are vague, yes.
- 18 Q. Well, your recollection of the meeting -- the
- details of the meeting are vague, correct?
- 20 A. All of the details of the meeting?
- 21 Q. Yeah.
- 22 A. No, I wouldn't say that all the details of the
- 23 meeting are vague, no.
- Q. Well, all of the details you don't remember,
- 25 correct?

- 1 MS. BOKAT: Objection, I don't think there's
- 2 been any foundation that this witness remembers nothing
- 3 from the meeting.
- 4 MR. CURRAN: I'm asking.
- 5 THE WITNESS: I remember things from the
- 6 meeting.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Hang on, sir. We have an
- 8 objection.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Oh, pardon me, pardon me.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: You're learning. You don't
- answer when they stand, but wait for a ruling, okay?
- Mr. Curran, I'm asking, is that a rephrasing of
- 13 your question?
- 14 MR. CURRAN: I'll tell you what, Your Honor, I
- 15 will rephrase.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: And then, Ms. Bokat, do you
- 17 withdraw the objection?
- MS. BOKAT: Yes, Your Honor.
- 19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Until you hear the rephrasing?
- 20 MS. BOKAT: Yes, but then that would be a new
- 21 objection. I'll withdraw my last one.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Thank you. Good point.
- BY MR. CURRAN:
- Q. Sir, you don't recall the names of the
- 25 Upsher-Smith people who attended the meeting, do you?

- 1 A. No, I do not.
- 2 Q. You don't remember what their credentials were,
- 3 do you?
- 4 A. No, I do not.
- 5 Q. And that's because of the passage of time,
- 6 correct?
- 7 A. In part, yes.
- 8 Q. Sir, do you still have the document -- the
- 9 thick document there that Ms. Bokat showed you with the
- 10 black cover?
- 11 A. Yes, I do.
- 12 Q. I'd like to refer your attention to the first
- page of that, the first interior page, yes. Right,
- that's the agenda for the meeting, correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. Sir, you remember the introduction of
- 17 that meeting only vaguely, correct?
- 18 A. I remember the introduction of people vaguely,
- 19 yes, their names and their titles vaquely.
- Q. And sir, you remember the overview of
- 21 Upsher-Smith that Vickie O'Neill presented only
- 22 vaguely, correct?
- 23 A. I remember some of the -- the profile of it,
- 24 its size, you know, what it was doing, what its burn
- 25 rate was, just in general categories for where they fit

1 in the industry. I was kind of curious about them,

- 2 because I hadn't heard anything about them. I do
- 3 remember that.
- Q. Sir, in your deposition, you testified as
- 5 follows:
- 6 "QUESTION: Sir, do you remember the overview
- 7 of Upsher-Smith Laboratories that Vickie O'Neill
- 8 presented?
- 9 "ANSWER: Vaguely."
- 10 That was your testimony, correct?
- 11 A. Right. But aspects --
- 12 Q. Sir --
- 13 A. -- aspects of it I did remember.
- 14 Q. Okay. Sir, your recollection of Vickie
- 15 O'Neill's discussion of the Niacor-SR formulation and
- 16 patents is vaque, correct?
- MS. BOKAT: Objection, asked and answered.
- 18 MR. CURRAN: Different question, I'm talking
- 19 about the -- a different question, Your Honor. This
- 20 one's addressing the Niacor-SR formulation and patents.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'll allow it. Go ahead.
- Do you need Susanne to read the question back?
- MR. CURRAN: I think I can restate it, Your
- 24 Honor, thank you.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay.

- 1 BY MR. CURRAN:
- Q. Sir, you recall only vaguely Vickie O'Neill's
- 3 discussion of the Niacor-SR formulation and patents,
- 4 correct?
- 5 A. I have a vague recollection that they had a
- 6 patent covered sustained release formulation. That's
- 7 my vague recollection, yes.
- Q. Okay. And sir, you remember only vaguely Ms.
- 9 Lori Freese's discussion of the treatment strategies
- 10 for hypercholesterolemia, correct?
- 11 A. I remember that she talked about niacin
- 12 sustained release being an element of a treatment
- 13 strategy for hypercholesterolemia. All of the
- 14 particulars of it I do not necessarily recall, no.
- Q. Okay. So, you don't remember all of the
- 16 particulars of that meeting, correct?
- 17 A. That is correct.
- Q. But you were at the meeting, correct?
- 19 A. I remember that.
- 20 Q. So, at one point you remembered all the
- 21 particulars of the meeting, correct?
- 22 A. I tried to focus on the things that were
- critical to my job and my job function at the meeting,
- and by and large, on the things that were critical to
- 25 my job I have a pretty good memory.

- 1 Q. I am going to ask if a particular document
- 2 refreshes your recollection at all of the details of
- 3 the meeting.
- 4 May I approach, Your Honor?
- 5 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Yes, you may.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Can you get the focus on that a
- 7 little bit better? I still can't read it.
- 8 BY MR. CURRAN:
- 9 Q. I'll give you a copy, sir, and then I'll focus
- 10 it better for you as well.
- 11 A. Okay, thanks.
- 12 Q. Sir, this appears to be a memorandum from
- 13 Vickie O'Neill of Upsher-Smith Laboratories dated June
- 14 4, 1997, correct?
- 15 A. That's what it purports to be, right.
- 16 Q. Sir, I want to direct your attention to the
- 17 final bullet point under Highlights. Sir, do you see
- 18 where it says, "Mark Halvorsen, Lori Freese, Drs. Brown
- 19 and Drobnes and myself met with Searle on May 28, 1997
- 20 and presented the Niacor-SR clinical data. They
- 21 expressed interest in both European licensing and U.S.
- 22 co-promotion possibilities."
- 23 A. I see those words.
- Q. Do you see that?
- 25 Does that refresh your recollection at all as

- 1 to the details of this meeting you attended?
- 2 A. It doesn't change my recollection of the
- 3 meeting at all.
- Q. Okay. Now, sir, you testified earlier that Mr.
- 5 Stolzenbach --
- 6 A. James Stolzenbach.
- 7 Q. -- James Stolzenbach provided you with --
- 8 raised some concerns about Niacor-SR's liver toxicity,
- 9 correct?
- 10 A. That's what I believe occurred. I believe it
- 11 was Jim Stolzenbach.
- 12 Q. But you're not really sure if he was even at
- 13 the meeting, correct?
- 14 A. Whether it was Jim specifically, although
- that's my recollection, it was Jim, or somebody else
- 16 from the preclinical group, which I still believe is
- 17 Jim, someone from project management and toxicity, and
- 18 I think it was Jim in any event, advised me right after
- 19 that meeting, and it is the best of my recollection
- 20 that it was Jim, but I can't -- you know, if there's a
- 21 conflicting document, whether it was Brian or Jim, but
- 22 I'm pretty sure it was Jim, advised me right after that
- 23 meeting.
- Q. Let me ask that question again.
- You don't exactly remember whether Mr.

- 1 Stolzenbach was at the meeting or not, correct?
- 2 A. Whether it was specifically Jim Stolzenbach or
- 3 not, I do not recall. It is the best of my
- 4 recollection that he would have been and I do believe
- 5 in my recollection it was he. Am I subject to
- 6 contradiction by a written record? Perhaps.
- 7 Q. So, it was either Jim Stolzenbach or somebody
- 8 else who raised concerns about Niacor-SR's liver
- 9 toxicity, correct?
- 10 A. My recollection is that immediately after the
- 11 meeting Jim Stolzenbach, and I believe it was Jim
- 12 Stolzenbach, met outside of those offices and reviewed
- 13 the data that was presented. Jim said, I don't know
- 14 how they can go forward, they seem to have more liver
- toxicity with their dosage form than the immediate
- 16 release form. We can't go after this drug. That is a
- 17 paraphrase.
- Q. And it was based upon that statement that -- at
- 19 least in part based upon that statement -- that you
- 20 concluded that Niacor-SR was not a good licensing
- 21 opportunity for Searle, correct?
- 22 A. That's correct.
- Q. So, you relied upon the views of either Mr.
- 24 Stolzenbach or someone else, correct?
- 25 A. Yes.

1 Q. In reaching that decision that you made,

- 2 correct?
- 3 A. That's right.
- Q. And in fact, sir, Mr. Stolzenbach or whoever it
- 5 was you spoke to would be in the best position to
- 6 testify specifically about the concerns relating to
- 7 liver toxicity, correct?
- 8 A. I think the people that ran the trials would be
- 9 in the best position to testify about the concerns
- 10 about liver toxicity.
- 11 Q. Very good. Now, sir, you also testified that
- 12 you looked up public information on niacin, correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. You personally did that, right?
- 15 A. Yes, I did.
- 16 Q. And the information that you looked up did not
- 17 relate to Upsher-Smith's Niacor-SR, correct?
- 18 A. It wasn't registered, so it couldn't have been.
- 19 Q. Now, sir, you testified earlier that after the
- 20 May 28th, 1997 meeting, you think Searle communicated
- 21 with Upsher-Smith, correct?
- 22 A. I believe they communicated with Upsher-Smith,
- either I or Mary Schwab told them we were not further
- 24 interested.
- 25 Q. Sir, isn't it a fact that you don't know for a

- 1 fact whether there was any such communication?
- MS. BOKAT: Objection, I think that question
- 3 was confusing.
- 4 MR. CURRAN: I'll ask it again. I'll withdraw
- 5 that question, Your Honor, obviate the objection.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Thank you.
- 7 BY MR. CURRAN:
- 8 Q. Sir, you don't know for a fact that there was
- 9 any such post-meeting communication from Searle to
- 10 Upsher-Smith, do you?
- 11 A. It's my recollection, as between myself and
- 12 Mary Schwab, a communication saying no, thank you was
- 13 made to Upsher-Smith.
- Q. Okay. Sir, I want to refer your attention to
- 15 your monitor there again.
- 16 A. Okay.
- Q. Can you read that, sir? Can you, sir?
- 18 A. Yeah, I can, yeah.
- 19 Q. Okay, I'll read it. Sir, at your deposition,
- 20 you gave the following testimony.
- 21 A. Right.
- Q. "QUESTION: Sir, at the conclusion of this
- 23 meeting or afterwards, your earlier testimony was that
- you believed that Ms. Schwab communicated with
- 25 Upsher-Smith.

1 "ANSWER: I think it was decided that she would

- 2 talk with them because she was the person that
- 3 facilitated their coming in.
- 4 "QUESTION: Do you recall how she
- 5 communicated --
- 6 "ANSWER: No, I don't.
- 7 "QUESTION: -- with Upsher-Smith?
- 8 "ANSWER: I don't.
- 9 "QUESTION: Do you know --
- 10 "ANSWER: I may have communicated with them, I
- don't know. I mean, she may have asked me, I may have
- 12 asked her, but it was going to be a relatively short
- 13 communication with them.
- "QUESTION: Okay. But you're not sure whether
- you or she or neither or both communicated with
- 16 Upsher-Smith, correct?
- 17 "ANSWER: Who did the actual final
- 18 communications with them, I'm not sure, correct.
- 19 "QUESTION: Well, my question went a little bit
- 20 further than that. You don't know for a fact whether
- there was a communication from Searle to Upsher-Smith
- 22 after this.
- 23 "ANSWER: I have an expectation there was a
- 24 communication with them. I do not know for a fact that
- there was one, that's correct."

1 You gave that testimony at your deposition,

- 2 correct?
- 3 A. Yes, I gave that testimony at the deposition.
- 4 Q. Okay. Sir, niacin is a drug used in the
- 5 treatment of hyperlipidemia, correct?
- A. Yes, it is, atherosclerosis and hyperlipidemia,
- 7 correct.
- 8 Q. That's a huge market, correct?
- 9 A. It's a very large one.
- 10 Q. One with in excess of \$10 billion a year in
- 11 sales, correct?
- 12 A. Globally, yeah.
- 13 Q. And even a small piece of that pie is a
- 14 substantial opportunity, correct?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- 16 Q. Sir, in 1997, evaluating niacin was a project
- 17 priority for Searle, correct?
- 18 A. It was a priority, right.
- 19 Q. It was a priority to look at, correct?
- 20 A. Correct.
- Q. It was one of those things that strategically
- 22 Searle thought it was important to go after, correct?
- A. As a matter of strategy, it was an important
- 24 thing to evaluate, yes.
- 25 Q. In fact, sir, Searle itself was trying to

develop its own niacin analog during this period,

- 2 correct?
- 3 A. That's right.
- 4 O. And this interest in niacin was one of the
- 5 reasons Searle met with Upsher-Smith and Kos, correct?
- A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. Now, sir, you've done out-licensing yourself,
- 8 haven't you?
- 9 A. I have.
- 10 Q. And when you've done that, you've been turned
- 11 down sometimes, correct?
- 12 A. A lot of times.
- Q. A lot. And you've had the experience where you
- were trying to out-license a particular product, and
- someone says, no, and then the next person says yes,
- 16 correct?
- 17 A. I've had that experience, yes.
- Q. It happens that way sometimes, correct?
- 19 A. Sometimes it does.
- Q. That's why salesmen keep at it, right?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. And that's because reasonable people can differ
- on licensing opportunities, correct?
- A. On some issues, people can reasonably differ.
- 25 Q. And companies in different situations may have

- 1 a different view of things, correct?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 Q. Or the people presenting the licensing
- 4 opportunity might make a better presentation on one day
- 5 than the next, correct?
- 6 A. Absolutely right.
- 7 Q. And you know this from personal experience,
- 8 correct?
- 9 A. Oh, yes.
- 10 Q. Now, sir, not every experienced licensing
- 11 executive will reach the same decision on the same
- issue all the time, correct?
- 13 A. Sure, on -- on the vast spectrum of
- opportunities, yeah, they may have different opinions.
- 15 Q. Sir, some people may value a licensing
- opportunity different from others, correct?
- 17 A. That's right.
- 18 Q. In part, differences can be attributed to
- 19 subjective criteria, correct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Or to a company's specific commercial needs,
- 22 correct?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, sir, in your career, there have been
- occasions where you passed on a licensing opportunity

1 that another company then accepted, correct?

- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And there may have been occasions where others
- 4 have passed on a licensing opportunity that you then
- 5 accepted, correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. In fact, sometimes, sir, a lot of people turn
- 8 down a licensing opportunity, but then the product in
- 9 question goes on to be a success for someone else,
- 10 correct?
- 11 A. That's right.
- 12 Q. And sir, there are situations where a variety
- of big pharmaceutical companies passed on a licensing
- opportunity and then it became a success, correct?
- 15 A. That's right.
- 16 Q. Sir, sometimes the best tutored minds in any
- discipline can be wrong, correct?
- 18 A. Right.
- 19 Q. And sir, sometimes it happens the other way
- 20 around, where a pharmaceutical company licenses in a
- 21 product with high hopes, and then the product bombs,
- 22 correct?
- 23 A. There's risk in drug development, no question.
- Yes, you're right.
- Q. That happens a lot, correct?

1 A. It happens occasionally. I wouldn't say a lot.

- 2 I'd say, you know, it's -- it's the rare case rather
- 3 than the rule.
- Q. Sir, in your deposition, you gave the following
- 5 testimony, did you not?
- 6 A. Um-hum.
- 7 Q. "QUESTION: Let's consider the flip side, a
- 8 situation where big pharma or some other pharmaceutical
- 9 company licensed in a product that appeared at one time
- 10 to be a blockbuster, a sure thing --
- "ANSWER: And it bombed.
- 12 "QUESTION: -- and it bombed.
- "ANSWER: It happens all the time."
- 14 Did you give that testimony at your deposition?
- 15 A. Yes. "Happens all the time" means it does
- 16 happen on occasion. That doesn't mean that it most
- 17 often does occur. You're talking about percentages
- 18 here. I believe your earlier statement was something
- 19 to the effect that it's common, it's frequent. I think
- the word you put in earlier was "common," wasn't it?
- Q. No, I asked if it happens all the time, and
- 22 that was your deposition testimony, correct?
- A. In the deposition, that's what you asked. I'm
- 24 talking about your question earlier which you said was
- 25 it common.

1 Q. So, is it your position that it happens all the

- 2 time but it's not common?
- 3 A. It happens upon occasion. It is not
- 4 necessarily the common case. It's a -- it's -- in
- 5 terms of the general probability of it happening, it's
- 6 relatively a low probability that it happens where you
- 7 in-license something and it bombs. People are
- 8 presumptively doing good due diligence, and they only
- 9 spend their money on a product that's going to work,
- and yeah, by and large, they only in-license things
- 11 that don't bomb, but yes, upon occasion, all the time
- 12 perhaps, there are drugs that do bomb, but, you know,
- there are notable exceptions to the rule, not the rule.
- 14 You don't go out there to do licensing deals on things
- that are going to bomb, and if you've done your job
- 16 right, it's rare that it happens.
- 17 Q. All right, let's talk about Searle's
- 18 experience. You referred before to this IIb --
- 19 A. IIb/IIIA.
- 20 Q. Explain again for Judge Chappell what that
- 21 product was.
- 22 A. The IIb/IIIA product is a product that
- antagonizes the final common pathway of platelet
- 24 aggregation, and it's an orally bioavailable drug and
- 25 if successful would block myocardial infarctions and

- 1 cerebral infarctions or strokes.
- 2 Q. And sir, Searle invested \$270 million in that
- 3 product, correct?
- 4 A. That -- two of those products, orbofiban and
- 5 xemlofiban, that's correct.
- Q. \$270 million, correct?
- 7 A. That's correct.
- Q. And it was a phase III product, correct?
- 9 A. It went through phase III testing, that's
- 10 right.
- 11 Q. But never got approved, did it?
- 12 A. No, it failed.
- 13 Q. Never went to market, did it?
- 14 A. Never went to market.
- Q. And Searle abandoned the project, correct?
- 16 A. Yes, it did.
- 17 Q. After \$270 million in expenses.
- 18 A. That's right.
- 19 O. Those were sunk costs, correct?
- A. As sunk as you can get, yeah.
- 21 Q. So, they gave up the product at that point.
- 22 A. The data didn't work, that's right.
- Q. Sir, Searle's scientists found the Kos product
- to be an attractive product, correct?
- 25 A. Potentially attractive, not absolutely

- 1 attractive.
- 2 Q. Sir, at your deposition, you gave the following
- 3 testimony:
- 4 "QUESTION: What was the conclusion of Searle's
- 5 scientific people about the Kos product?
- 6 "ANSWER: It was an attractive product.
- 7 Scientifically it seemed to offer an improved
- 8 therapeutic index."
- 9 Was that your testimony at your deposition?
- 10 A. Right. Yes, it is.
- 11 Q. Now, sir, that conclusion reached by the Kos
- 12 scientific people was based on clinical data from Kos,
- 13 correct?
- 14 A. Wait a minute, that conclusion based on -- by
- 15 the Searle people, not by the Kos people.
- 16 Q. Thank you very much.
- 17 That conclusion of the Searle scientific people
- 18 was based on Kos' clinical data, correct?
- 19 A. That's right.
- Q. Okay. So, they liked Kos' clinical data, but
- 21 at least Mr. Stolzenbach wasn't impressed by
- 22 Niacor-SR's data, correct?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- Q. Okay. Now, sir, Mr. Stolzenbach didn't know
- 25 the protocols underlying Niacor-SR's clinical studies,

- 1 correct?
- 2 A. Incorrect.
- 3 Q. He wasn't given the protocols at the May 28th,
- 4 1997 meeting, was he?
- 5 A. May I refer to --
- Q. You may.
- 7 A. I think there's a protocol synopsis if you look
- 8 at what's been marked for identification here as 11581.
- 9 There's a start of -- well, there's several protocol
- 10 synopses that have been given out. So, I guess not the
- 11 entire protocol, but the synopses he certainly was
- 12 provided with, sure.
- 13 Q. Sure. So, Mr. Stolzenbach did not have
- complete information on Niacor-SR's protocols, correct?
- 15 A. He had a synopsis of their protocols to make
- 16 his judgment, yes.
- 17 Q. But not the complete protocols, correct?
- 18 A. A sufficient amount of the protocol in terms of
- 19 the synopsis in his view and in mine to make an
- 20 informed judgment he had.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Hang on, Mr. Curran. It's
- past 2:30. Do the parties want to take a break or
- press on?
- MS. BOKAT: Could we maybe ask the witness if
- 25 he has a pleasure about that, too?

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JUDGE CHAPPELL: I was going to get to him
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- 2 next. All in due time.
- MS. SHORES: I am getting kind of hungry, but
- 4 it's -- it's up to everybody else.
- 5 MR. CURRAN: It's more in Ms. Shores' interest,
- 6 Your Honor. I think we should take a lunch break.
- 7 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay, do you want to take an
- 8 hour or less than an hour?
- 9 MR. CURRAN: I defer to others.
- 10 MS. SHORES: Less is fine. Forty-five minutes
- 11 is fine with me, Your Honor.
- 12 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Why don't we break until 3:15.
- MS. SHORES: That's fine.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: We're in recess.
- 15 (Whereupon, at 2:35 p.m., a lunch recess was
- 16 taken.)

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## 1 AFTERNOON SESSION

- 2 (3:20 p.m.)
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead, Mr. Curran.
- 4 MR. CURRAN: Your Honor, I have no further
- 5 questions for this witness.
- 6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: We should take breaks more
- 7 often maybe.
- 8 MR. CURRAN: Either that or you were reading my
- 9 mind.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: That's scary. I don't know --
- so, Ms. Shores, are you going to be handling the cross
- 12 for Schering?
- MS. SHORES: I am, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: And do you have some?
- MS. SHORES: I do have some.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead.
- MS. SHORES: Although not many.
- Your Honor, may I approach?
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Yes, you may.
- 20 MS. SHORES: And no one should be alarmed by
- 21 the fact that I have a binder.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'm alarmed that it's a small
- 23 binder.
- MS. SHORES: I can get a bigger one.
- 25 CROSS EXAMINATION

- 1 BY MS. SHORES:
- 2 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Egan.
- 3 A. Good afternoon.
- Q. Mr. Egan, Searle did net present value
- 5 calculations when evaluating in-licensing
- 6 opportunities, did it not?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And those net present value calculations were
- 9 based on anticipated cash flows, right?
- 10 A. That's right, discounted cash flows.
- 11 Q. It's pretty typical of pharmaceutical companies
- 12 to do net present value calculations when evaluating
- 13 licensing deals, is it not?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. Mr. Egan, when you were at Searle, the length
- of time it took to evaluate a licensing opportunity
- depended on the opportunity, correct?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. And you may have covered this with Mr. Curran,
- 20 but it wouldn't be unusual in your experience for one
- 21 company to consider a licensing opportunity to be more
- valuable than another company, right?
- 23 A. Reasonable people may differ on reasonable
- issues, yes, it is possible.
- 25 Q. Now, in your experience in considering

- 1 in-licensing opportunities or out-licensing for that
- 2 matter, is it true that the parties don't really engage
- 3 in substantive discussions until after a
- 4 confidentiality agreement is signed?
- 5 A. Are you talking about my experience or my, you
- 6 know, expert opinion about the field or --
- 7 Q. Oh, just your experience, sir.
- 8 A. Okay.
- 9 Q. With all of your experience, with all the 40
- 10 licenses or however many you said there were.
- 11 A. Sure. In my experience typically you have a
- 12 confidentiality agreement before critical discussion
- issues are reached on -- in an earnest fashion, yes.
- 14 Q. If you could turn in your binder to CX 522.
- 15 A. Um-hum.
- Q. Do you have that, sir?
- 17 A. I do.
- Q. Can you identify this document?
- 19 A. Yes, I can.
- 20 O. What is it?
- 21 A. That's a confidentiality agreement between Kos
- 22 Pharmaceuticals and G. D. Searle.
- MS. SHORES: Your Honor, I would move into
- evidence CX 522.
- MS. BOKAT: No objection.

- 1 MR. CURRAN: No objection.
- 2 BY MS. SHORES:
- 3 Q. And sir, based on the date of this document --
- 4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Ms. Shores?
- 5 MS. SHORES: I promised myself I wouldn't do
- 6 that. I apologize, Your Honor.
- 7 JUDGE CHAPPELL: It seems to be catching.
- MS. SHORES: We're all over-eager.
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: CX 522 is admitted.
- 10 (Commission Exhibit Number 522 was admitted
- into evidence.)
- 12 BY MS. SHORES:
- Q. And based on the date of CX 522, it's fair to
- say, is it not, that Searle and Kos didn't enter into
- 15 substantive discussions until after October 6th. Is
- 16 that right?
- 17 A. In this case, I wouldn't say that. As I say,
- 18 you know, these are general rules. They are not always
- 19 hard and fast, and Kos were the people that, you know,
- 20 we had approached earlier, and frankly, all they had
- 21 was a -- was a formulation change, so it wasn't
- 22 radically different technology that was going to have a
- 23 radically different outcome, and they were already
- 24 registered. I mean, their data was there.
- 25 I think the confidential disclosure agreement

- 1 was probably more related for the sake of commercial
- 2 negotiations; in other words, the numbers back and
- 3 forth. I think a lot of the other stuff that you'd
- 4 normally consider to be confidential, like stuff that
- 5 was in the clinical trial or patent strategy or
- 6 competitive intelligence, was pretty much known.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. And I think we probably got around to this late
- 9 in the piece. I think that's probably more accurate.
- 10 Q. Okay, but Kos and Searle didn't enter into
- discussions about the commercial aspects of the deal
- 12 until after October, right?
- 13 A. Well, we were signaling each other back and
- 14 forth earlier to that over an extended period of time.
- I think this was a case probably where the CDA caught
- 16 up to the discussions rather than the CDA preceded the
- 17 discussions.
- 18 Q. Okay, well --
- 19 A. And frankly, from our perspective, because it
- 20 was them giving us the information, we weren't in a
- 21 real hurry to get it necessarily. It was mainly to
- 22 help them, not us.
- 23 Q. Now, the meetings that you talked about and the
- 24 discussions that you talked about in your direct
- 25 examination, those took place after October, did they

- 1 not?
- 2 A. Not all of them, no.
- 3 Q. Well, if you could turn to CX 524.
- 4 A. Right.
- 5 Q. All right, before you get there, let me ask you
- 6 this --
- 7 A. 524? Pardon me, go ahead.
- Q. Let me ask you this before you get to 524.
- 9 A. Yeah.
- 10 Q. Do you recall that at some point during the
- discussions with Kos a Mr. Bell got involved?
- 12 A. I think it was Mr. Bell. It was their CEO. I
- think his name was Bell, yes. It rings a bell. I'm
- 14 sorry.
- Q. And there came a time, again, during the
- 16 discussions with Kos that Mr. Bell wanted to be
- 17 involved, right?
- 18 A. Yes, he insisted to be involved, correct.
- 19 Q. And that's when the discussions got more
- 20 serious. Is that right?
- 21 A. No, it was towards the end of the discussions
- 22 really. I think the perception was that Mr. Patel was
- 23 supposed to carry the baton and really get the deal
- done and that it was sort of languishing, because we
- 25 weren't really convinced to go forward, and our

- 1 analysis was taking longer and longer periods of time,
- 2 and I think Mr. Bell wanted to move it forward, and he
- 3 was going to take it over and bring his personal
- 4 dynamism to bear.
- 5 Q. Okay, we will get to that in a little bit.
- Now, I think you said on direct that Searle was
- 7 interested in obtaining the rights to market Niaspan in
- 8 Europe. Is that correct?
- 9 A. I think we were considering it for both areas,
- 10 yeah.
- 11 Q. And with respect to the marketing rights for
- 12 Europe, it was Searle's European group who was the
- major driver for including European rights in the
- 14 agreement, correct?
- 15 A. Oh, sure, yeah.
- 16 Q. And the European people were the impetus for
- 17 wanting to discuss European rights for Niacor as well,
- 18 right?
- 19 A. Sure.
- 20 Q. And that's because the European sales force
- 21 wanted a product to promote in order to get ready for
- this pipeline product?
- 23 A. Yeah, and then in general they wanted just more
- 24 pipe -- excuse me, products in general, yeah. They
- 25 were anxious for almost any product, but specifically

- 1 they were very anxious for a cardiovascular product.
- 2 Q. So, Searle was interested in a deal with Kos
- 3 that would have included U.S. rights and European
- 4 rights, correct?
- 5 A. Sure.
- Q. And you wanted those rights in the same
- 7 agreement, at least initially, correct?
- 8 A. We would have negotiated them together if we
- 9 were going to go after them all, yeah.
- 10 Q. In fact, you wanted at least a right of first
- 11 refusal with respect to European rights, correct?
- 12 A. I think that was discussed. I think the
- Europeans wanted that primarily at the initial stages,
- 14 yes.
- Q. If you could turn to CX 523. Have you got
- 16 that?
- 17 A. Right.
- 18 Q. I am going to read from the -- this is really
- 19 the third paragraph on that, I've got it up on your
- 20 screen, too. It says, "Mr. Patel indicated, however,
- 21 that a company that does a U.S. deal would have a 'leg
- 22 up' on a European deal for the compound. I asked if
- 23 that amounted to a right of first refusal, and he
- 24 suggested that it was not a legally enforceable right
- 25 but a moral obligation. I suggested that we would want

1 something more concrete if we were going to commit to

- 2 U.S. co-promotion in support of the product. He
- 3 suggested that Europe was at least 6 months behind the
- 4 U.S. in terms of marketing and that the regulatory
- 5 issues in Europe would be complicating in terms of
- 6 price and other matters, so that Kos would like to get
- 7 the U.S. issues resolved now and deal with Europe at a
- 8 later stage -- as a later stage issue. I suggested we
- 9 would want to deal with both in the same arrangement."
- 10 That is your -- you authored this document,
- 11 correct?
- 12 A. I believe so, yes.
- 13 Q. Now, Kos wanted to defer discussion of European
- 14 rights, correct?
- 15 A. Yeah, they wanted to delink them, decouple
- 16 them.
- 17 Q. Now --
- 18 A. At least here they did.
- 19 Q. Excuse me?
- 20 A. At least at this juncture in this document they
- 21 did.
- 22 Q. Searle ultimately declined the Kos opportunity,
- 23 right?
- A. That's correct.
- 25 Q. And that was after you met -- had a meeting in

- 1 New York. Is that right?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And that was with Dan Bell?
- A. I believe -- if it's Dan, yes, but Mr. Bell was
- 5 all I could recall.
- 6 Q. Kos' CEO.
- 7 A. Right.
- Q. And that meeting took place in December of
- 9 1997. Is that correct?
- 10 A. I don't know if it was December or early in the
- 11 new year. I don't recall the dates exactly.
- Q. Why don't we look at CX 525.
- 13 A. Okay.
- Q. Do you recognize that document?
- 15 A. Just a minute, let me read it. (Document
- 16 review.) Yes, I do.
- 17 Q. And does that refresh your recollection, sir,
- as to when the meeting with Dan Bell or Mr. Bell, the
- 19 CEO of Kos, was in New York?
- 20 A. It suggests it was December 17th. I don't
- 21 necessarily recall that, but I assume that must be the
- 22 date.
- Q. That's not inconsistent with your recollection,
- 24 is it?
- 25 A. No.

1 Q. Now, referring to Mr. Bell, the terms that he

- 2 was talking about for proceeding with a co-promote
- 3 arrangement for U.S. rights, those terms weren't
- 4 reasonable, were they?
- 5 A. They weren't things that we were willing to
- 6 respond to, no. From our perspective, they weren't the
- 7 basis of talking through a deal, correct.
- Q. They weren't even the basis for discussion,
- 9 right?
- 10 A. No, we just politely sort of said thank you for
- 11 your continued interest and we wish you continued
- 12 success and basically didn't pursue it much after that.
- Q. Now, Kos wanted an up-front payment, I think
- 14 you said?
- 15 A. Yeah, I think they were looking for an up-front
- 16 payment. He was signaling, I don't know, tens of
- million dollar kind of area, kind of range, could have
- been 10, could have been 20. He specifically wanted to
- 19 be vaque, but he -- his references, as I recall, were
- to an up-front payment that wouldn't make the product
- look cheap or something else like that, some reference
- 22 to that kind of concept.
- Q. He must have been pretty proud of his product
- 24 it seems like, huh?
- 25 A. It was his only product really.

1 Q. Now, what you thought was ridiculous was the

- percentage of the profits that Kos wanted, right?
- 3 A. That's where the money was. I mean, the
- 4 up-fronts are really window dressings on one of these
- 5 deals. They do change the risk profile. If you put up
- a lot of up-front money, that's sunk money. Typically
- 7 a big pharma player will use up-fronts to buy down the
- 8 upside. In other words, if a guy wants a relatively
- 9 big up-front, for whatever reason, you know, he wants
- 10 to go to the stock market and say, look, they're
- willing to pay \$20 million, usually you only pop up an
- 12 up-front in that neighborhood when you have absolutely
- won the point on what split of values you want and
- 14 you've done that bigger deal.
- So, typically, if you're in a negotiation with
- 16 a biotech, you put in big up-front payments if you have
- 17 a very favorable split of the revenues going forward.
- Q. Well, regardless of all of that, I mean, the
- terms that you thought were ridiculous that Kos was
- 20 talking about, those were really related to the split
- of the revenues he was proposing, right?
- 22 A. Split of the revenues and I think the
- 23 up-fronts, as well. I mean, usually people when they
- 24 start these negotiations put the stake in the ground
- 25 and give you a signal as to what area they are going to

- 1 be flexible about. Mr. Bell basically felt he was
- 2 going to push to a close that would have both favorable
- 3 up-front and milestone payments and favorable splits of
- 4 revenue, and we weren't really interested in responding
- 5 to either.
- 6 MS. SHORES: Just bear with me one second.
- 7 (Counsel conferring.)
- 8 BY MS. SHORES:
- 9 Q. But again, just back to my question, one of the
- 10 things you thought was ridiculous at least was the
- 11 split of the profits that Kos wanted, right?
- 12 A. Unreasonable. I wouldn't say ridiculous, but
- unreasonable, yes. Certainly nothing that we could
- work with commercially.
- 15 Q. If you could turn to page -- your deposition is
- in the front of that binder, I think.
- 17 A. Okay.
- 18 Q. Turn to page 58.
- 19 A. Right.
- Q. Have you got that?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. There's a question there, sort at the bottom
- 23 half of the page:
- "QUESTION: What were the terms?"
- 25 And again, this is referring to Kos and the New

- 1 York meeting, I believe that's clear.
- 2 A. Um-hum, um-hum.
- 3 Q. "ANSWER: Oh, they were asking for an up-front
- 4 payment of, you know, \$10 million, \$5 million,
- 5 something like that. I mean, it was not written down,
- 6 it was something like that, but it was -- they were
- 7 looking -- the terms that were more ridiculous was they
- 8 were looking for a huge slug of the profits where we
- 9 would be doing the majority of the promotion in the
- 10 United States and they would be taking the majority of
- 11 the profits and that was a nonstarter, that was never
- 12 going to go anywhere."
- 13 A. Right.
- 14 Q. That's correct, right?
- 15 A. That is correct.
- 16 Q. And according to your testimony, it was
- 17 ridiculous for Kos to ask for that, because Searle
- would be doing most of the promotion, right?
- 19 A. According to my testimony -- well, yeah, Searle
- 20 was going to be doing the promotion of the product with
- 21 an established professional sales force. Their sales
- force was new, it was relatively small. Their name was
- 23 hardly known, ours was established. We had a
- franchise, they didn't.
- This was a heavily detail-sensitive product for

- 1 value, and so we'd be conferring the lion's share of
- 2 the value and the effort, and they would be getting a
- 3 disproportionate share of the income.
- Q. And Kos, in connection with this co-promote
- 5 arrangement, was expecting something like 900,000
- 6 details per year. Isn't that true?
- 7 A. I think that's the number, somewhere around
- 8 there.
- 9 Q. And that's the level of detailing that one
- 10 reserves for a blockbuster product. Isn't that right?
- 11 A. I don't know necessarily if it's a blockbuster,
- 12 but it's a lot.
- 13 Q. If you could turn to 524, CX 524.
- 14 A. Sure. Yes.
- 15 Q. Let me throw this up here.
- 16 Referring to the second paragraph, do you see
- 17 that?
- 18 A. "The Kos 'vision,'" yes.
- 19 Q. This is an e-mail you wrote, correct?
- 20 A. That's correct.
- Q. It says here, "The Kos 'vision' for Niaspan
- requires 900,000 details per year," then I am going to
- 23 skip down to the last sentence where it says
- 24 "Multiply."
- 25 "Multiply the nine details per doc times the

- 1 100,000 total doc's in the top 7 deciles of
- 2 dyslipidemia prescribers and the number comes out
- 3 900,000 -- about the level given to most novel -
- 4 long-term patent protected potential blockbusters,"
- 5 correct?
- 6 A. Right. I guess that's right, yeah.
- 7 Q. And Kos was expecting Searle to deliver about
- 8 700,000 of those details, right?
- 9 A. If we were going to put the full 600 sales reps
- to it and they were going to do their 130 or 150,
- 11 whatever it was going to be, that was sort of a
- 12 starting position for them. I think they wanted to
- 13 grow their sales force over time and take over a
- 14 greater proportion of it over time, and we would do
- 15 progressively less.
- 16 O. But Kos was looking for Searle to deliver
- 17 700,000 of those details, correct? It's in the third
- paragraph from the bottom of the page you're on now,
- 19 second page.
- 20 A. Second page, third from the bottom?
- 21 Q. Um-hum.
- A. Yeah, 700,000 is what it looks like, yeah.
- 23 Q. Okay. And you estimated that that would
- require Searle to spend at least \$35 million in
- 25 marketing per year, right?

1 A. Right, but that's also in the context of us

- 2 having other details that we were doing. It's a
- 3 question of whether it's first position, second
- 4 position or third position. There are different costs
- 5 at different levels. I don't think we were ever
- 6 talking about first position marketing.
- 7 MS. SHORES: Move to strike everything after
- 8 "yes," Your Honor -- I'll take it back, never mind.
- 9 BY MS. SHORES:
- 10 Q. All right, and that sort of investment wasn't
- 11 worth it given the profit split that Kos was
- 12 requesting.
- 13 A. That was the way we anticipated it, yeah.
- 14 Q. Sir, do you know how the liver toxicity of the
- Niacor-SR product compares to Tricor?
- 16 A. I'm not familiar with Tricor at this point.
- 17 Q. How about Lescol, do you know how the liver
- 18 toxicity levels suggested in the Niacor presentation
- 19 compare with Lescol?
- 20 A. Well, Lescol is an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor,
- 21 and I think the major problem with Lescol isn't related
- 22 so much to ALT elevation but rhabdomyolysis.
- Q. So, your answer is no?
- A. No what?
- 25 Q. You don't know how the liver toxicity issue

- 1 compares?
- 2 A. In what -- in what fashion? I mean, in terms
- 3 of total quantitative differences? The liver toxicity
- 4 of Niacor-SR is more pronounced in my experience than
- 5 it is on Lescol.
- Q. More pronounced than Lescol?
- 7 MS. BOKAT: Objection, Your Honor. I think
- 8 this goes beyond the scope of direct. I don't believe
- 9 I got into Lescol at all.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, it depends, Ms. Shores.
- 11 Are you getting into toxicity or Lescol here?
- 12 MS. SHORES: Well, I think I'll withdraw the
- last question and let his previous answer stand.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay, thank you.
- MS. SHORES: Thank you. No further questions.
- 16 Redirect?
- MS. BOKAT: Yes, please.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Do you need a moment?
- MS. BOKAT: Yes, please.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead.
- 21 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- MS. BOKAT: Thank you, Your Honor. May I
- 23 proceed?
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Yes, you may.
- 25 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

- 1 BY MS. BOKAT:
- Q. Mr. Egan, when you were talking to Mr. Curran
- 3 about the meeting between Upsher-Smith and Searle, you
- 4 said that you didn't remember the Upsher-Smith
- 5 attendees in part because of the passage of time. Was
- 6 there another reason you didn't remember them?
- 7 A. Well, I wasn't the point of contact for them,
- 8 and I had never -- I mean, the major point of contact
- 9 obviously was Mary Schwab, but I think the major reason
- 10 there was also because I didn't have any other
- 11 opportunities beyond this to interact with them. It's
- 12 one meeting, a one-off kind of meeting, and normally
- with licensing people, it's a relatively small
- 14 fraternity, and you know almost everybody in the
- licensing area, you know, not necessarily socially but
- 16 as business colleagues, and you try to develop these
- 17 networks, and frankly, the passage of time, and the
- other one is just that they were a relatively small
- 19 company, and this seemed to be a unique situation for a
- 20 company that was mainly, you know, formulations and
- 21 things like that. So, I didn't really have much other
- 22 opportunity to interact with them.
- 23 Q. You testified in response to questions that
- 24 some of your recollections of that meeting were vague.
- 25 Do you have some clear recollections of the meeting

- with Upsher-Smith?
- 2 A. Absolutely, I do.
- 3 Q. What do you clearly remember about it?
- 4 A. I clearly remember that the toxicity associated
- 5 with the product in the clinical trials as reported in
- 6 the overheads was remarked on by my scientist, and the
- 7 comments he made rung true to me in front of -- with
- 8 the data that was in front of me at hand, and you know,
- 9 I remember a conversation immediately thereafter saying
- don't do anything more on this. This one has toxicity
- issues, and it will not go.
- 12 Q. Again, in your --
- 13 A. And just to elaborate on that.
- 14 Q. I'm sorry.
- 15 A. In terms of remembering what does or doesn't
- 16 happen at a meeting, for me the key thing was, you
- 17 know, why was the meeting to have occurred at all. We
- 18 clearly were interested in, you know, having a niacin
- 19 product. We wanted to give it every opportunity to
- 20 evaluate it. We were keenly interested in pursuing
- one, and we only reluctantly took a pass on it, even
- 22 though, you know, we had known the issues on it, but in
- 23 the sense of if it had not had a toxicity issue, we
- 24 sure would have been interested in pursuing it. If it
- 25 had a better therapeutic interest, you know, the whole

1 reason we wanted to have a meeting was to pursue it,

- 2 not to say no to it.
- 3 Q. Again, in talking with Mr. Curran, you
- 4 mentioned that drugs in phase III clinical trials might
- 5 still fail. Given that Niacor-SR was already in phase
- 6 III trials, was there a need to look at the data
- 7 presented by Upsher-Smith?
- 8 A. Sure there was. I mean, one of the things is
- 9 that this is a formulation change, and although the
- 10 rules versus de novo drug testing and formulation
- 11 change testing have changed at the FDA as to how robust
- 12 you must be with a new formulation of an existing
- compound, the fact of the matter is that they were
- 14 claiming that this would improve the therapeutic index.
- In other words, you've got increased benefit
- 16 with either equal or less side effects and toxicity
- 17 profiles.
- MS. SHORES: Objection, move to strike. It
- 19 sounds like expert testimony to me. Lack of
- 20 foundation.
- 21 MR. CURRAN: Same objection, Your Honor.
- MS. BOKAT: Mr. Egan was testifying based on
- the information that was provided to him in that
- 24 meeting.
- 25 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, I am going to sustain

1 the objection and disregard everything after the answer

- 2 to your question, which was, "Sure there was."
- 3 BY MS. BOKAT:
- 4 Q. In the deals you've been involved in at Searle
- 5 and Abbott where your company actually did take an
- 6 in-license, were you ever able to complete your review
- 7 of the licensed product in seven days?
- 8 MS. SHORES: Objection, Your Honor, this goes
- 9 beyond what was necessary to lay a foundation for his
- 10 testimony about the Upsher and Kos negotiations. Now
- 11 he's straying from what Mr. Orlans promised that this
- 12 testimony would be introduced for.
- 13 MS. BOKAT: On --
- MR. CURRAN: Same objection, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Are you trying to turn him
- into a due diligence expert?
- MS. BOKAT: No, but during Ms. Shores' cross,
- she went into the length of time it takes to evaluate a
- 19 licensing opportunity.
- 20 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, I am going to sustain
- 21 the objection as worded. You may try to rephrase if
- 22 you like.
- BY MS. BOKAT:
- Q. In the deals you've been involved in where your
- 25 company actually signed an agreement for an in-license,

1 have you ever completed the analysis of the product in

- 2 seven days or less?
- 3 MR. CURRAN: Same objection, Your Honor.
- 4 MS. SHORES: Same objection, Your Honor. Mr.
- 5 Orlans stated as follows during the hearing, he said,
- 6 "The only need to discuss the procedures that Searle
- 7 utilized is simply to put into context Searle's
- 8 consideration of these two products, not to have the
- 9 Searle witness testify as an expert on licensing or to
- 10 hold up Searle's licensing procedures as procedures
- 11 that were generalizable to the entire industry, but
- 12 simply to provide that sort of factual background."
- 13 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I understand that, but what
- about her point that you raised this issue on cross?
- MS. SHORES: Well, I don't think I raised the
- 16 issue that would permit him to give general testimony
- 17 that would compare it to how much due diligence
- 18 Schering did or anybody else in the industry.
- 19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: And tell me again what you are
- 20 redirecting him on from the cross exam.
- MS. BOKAT: Whether he has --
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: You may confer.
- MS. BOKAT: Thank you, Your Honor, whether he
- 24 has ever analyzed a product and actually signed a
- 25 license in seven days or less.

1 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay, but what is that based

- on that Ms. Shores asked him on cross?
- MS. BOKAT: Well, what I have in my notes is
- 4 length of time to analyze -- to evaluate a license. I
- 5 wonder whether we can find it.
- All right, I think the question and answer went
- 7 to whether the time period for evaluating a license
- 8 opportunity varied with the product or with the license
- 9 opportunity.
- 10 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I am going to sustain the
- 11 objection. You can ask him about the Niaspan and the
- 12 Niacor deals only in that regard.
- 13 BY MS. BOKAT:
- 14 Q. You mentioned in answer to one of Ms. Shores'
- 15 questions that -- and I think you were referring to
- 16 Niaspan -- that it was a detail-sensitive product.
- 17 What did you mean by that?
- 18 A. What I meant by that is that in terms of the
- 19 total value of a product asset, you can often look to
- 20 different aspects of how the product's valued, its
- 21 patent coverage, its novelty, its skill at being
- 22 registered for a particular label claim, or its skill
- 23 at being marketed. When you looked at this product,
- Niaspan, since it was just a reformulation and new dose
- 25 regimen recasting of an existing, well-established

- 1 generic and not necessarily very novel composition of
- 2 matter, that the lion's share of the value driven out
- 3 of that product would come from the sales and marketing
- 4 detailing of the product and not from the product's
- 5 development and intrinsic characteristics.
- Q. When you were looking at Upsher's Niacor-SR,
- 7 did you consider whether it would be a detail-sensitive
- 8 product?
- 9 A. We didn't get that far.
- 10 Q. When you were talking to Kos, did you know what
- 11 products Kos had in development?
- 12 A. Yes.
- MS. BOKAT: I have nothing further, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Mr. Curran?
- 15 RECROSS EXAMINATION
- BY MR. CURRAN:
- 17 Q. Mr. Egan, do you remember just a moment ago
- 18 when Ms. Bokat asked you about your recollections of
- 19 the meeting on May 28th, 1997?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. And you stated that you had a specific
- 22 recollection of discussions of liver toxicity at that
- 23 meeting, correct?
- 24 A. Right.
- Q. Dr. Claude Drobnes was the representative from

- 1 Upsher-Smith who addressed that issue, correct?
- 2 A. I don't recall whether it was Claude Drobnes or
- 3 not.
- Q. Well, can you look at the agenda for the
- 5 meeting, sir? That's in the -- it's not in the binder
- 6 you have in your lap, it's in the other thick document
- 7 there, I believe, it's the first interior page.
- 8 A. Oh, here we go, yes, right.
- 9 O. And that indicates that --
- 10 A. Claude Drobnes was the doctor who was there,
- 11 yeah.
- 12 Q. Right. What's your recollection of what Dr.
- Drobnes said at that meeting about liver toxicity?
- 14 A. I believe my recollection is what's stated in
- the overheads, and my recollection is more of a private
- 16 side conversation with Jim Stolzenbach and in one
- 17 immediately following the meeting with Jim Stolzenbach.
- 18 Q. Listen to my question. What was said in that
- meeting by Dr. Claude Drobnes?
- 20 A. Things he specifically said about --
- MS. BOKAT: Objection, hearsay.
- MR. CURRAN: Your Honor, I think it's palpably
- 23 obvious I'm not asking this for the truth of the matter
- but only to establish that this witness has no
- 25 substantive recollection of what actually was said in

- 1 this meeting.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'll allow it. Overruled.
- 3 THE WITNESS: I don't remember his exact words.
- 4 However --
- 5 BY MR. CURRAN:
- Q. Sir, you have answered that question. Now I've
- 7 got one more.
- You don't even remember that Dr. Claude Drobnes
- 9 is a woman, do you?
- 10 A. No.
- MR. CURRAN: Nothing further, Your Honor.
- 12 MS. SHORES: Nothing for Schering, Your Honor.
- MS. BOKAT: Nothing, Your Honor, thank you.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Thank you, sir, you're
- 15 excused.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- MS. BOKAT: May I approach and clear the paper
- 18 from the witness stand?
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Yes, you may.
- You may step down, sir.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Anything before we adjourn for
- 23 the weekend?
- MR. NIELDS: Not from us, Your Honor.
- MR. CURRAN: Nothing from Upsher-Smith, Your

- 1 Honor.
- MS. BOKAT: Well, I'm going to jump under the
- 3 bridge if I may, Your Honor.
- I was looking for some general guidance on when
- 5 we should be preparing closing argument, just so we
- 6 have a sense of should we be looking at ten days from
- 7 now or a month from now? Personally, that would help
- 8 my planning.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Are you really asking whether
- 10 you should be looking at the last day of evidence or
- after the briefing's done? Is that where you're going?
- 12 MS. BOKAT: That would be very helpful.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, normally, when the case
- is over, I hear closing argument, but I am intrigued by
- the possibility of the parties arguing after briefing's
- done, because I know that that would allow you to
- focus, and dare I say, somewhat condense the arguments
- 18 you would make.
- 19 I'm doing some research on the idea of how to
- 20 treat it in the record, because I've got instructions
- 21 in the rules that I need to close the record as soon as
- 22 possible. So, I'm looking into that, and I'll let you
- 23 know. Either way, it won't be before next Friday, if
- 24 that helps, but if I think I can find a way to do it in
- 25 the rules, I'm going to allow the argument after the

- 1 briefing. That's what I'm looking into at this time.
- MS. BOKAT: Your Honor, I don't have a full
- 3 cite for you. Conferring with colleagues at the FTC a
- 4 bit ago, I ran into one gentleman who said in the Toys
- 5 'R Us case, they had oral argument after the briefs
- 6 were submitted, although I have to confess, he told me
- 7 in that one they had two arguments.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, and I -- that comes
- 9 under the heading of "it's always been done that way,"
- 10 I've heard that, but as I've done since I came to this
- 11 position, whenever I hear that, I look for support in
- 12 the rules. If it's not there, the way it's been done
- doesn't matter to me. So, I'm looking -- I'm doing my
- own research, but I like the idea of doing the argument
- after the briefing's done, and that's where I'm headed
- 16 right now.
- MS. BOKAT: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 18 JUDGE CHAPPELL: And I believe we have one
- 19 witness Monday?
- MS. BOKAT: Professor Bresnahan.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: We will start at 11:00. We're
- 22 adjourned.
- 23 (Whereupon, at 4:00 p.m., the hearing was
- 24 adjourned.)

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